

# Daily Worship for Holy Week and Easter

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## Tuesday: Betrayal and Denial

### God Calls us to Worship

#### Opening Words

*As you light a candle:*

Why do we light this candle?

**To remember that Jesus is with us.**

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**Have mercy on us and grant us your peace**

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**Praise and glory to you, O God.**

-John 1:29

#### Gathering Song

*You are encouraged to sing or listen to one or more of the following songs:*

- *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* [lyric video](#) | [sheet music](#)
- *Jesus Loves Me* -LUYH 709 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *Be Still and Know that I am God* LUYH 907 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)

#### Prayer

*Use the following prayer or your own, giving voice to the realities of the day within the greater context of the promise of the resurrection, and ask for the Holy Spirit to work through this time of worship.*

God of all hope,  
we gather today deeply aware  
of the world's grief and pain --and our own.  
Send your Holy Spirit here among us and  
comfort us with the sure knowledge  
that our Lenten journey will end in Easter joy.  
**Amen.**

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## God Speaks to Us and We Respond

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:14-16; Matthew 26:31-35

### Reflecting on God's Word

- Take coins, and place them one by one in metal cans or a glass. Listen to them drop and reflect on how:
  - Judas, because of his greed, informed the chief priest of Christ's location in exchange for coins of silver.
  - Peter, because of his fear, disowned Jesus three times after promising to never leave him.
- Ask yourself the following questions.
  - Knowing that Jesus walked this painful journey for ALL sinners, what are ways that you have betrayed or denied the Son of God?
  - How much is your integrity worth? Would you betray and deny your relationship with Jesus for things of this world? Jesus wants nothing more than a relationship with you!
- Spend time in a personal prayer of confession: write a prayer or create a piece of art that is a reflection of your thoughts.

### Sung or Spoken Response

*Use one or more of the following songs to reflect and meditate. Listen to the link provided, or read the text from a hymnal, or sing together as you are able.*

- *Ah, Holy Jesus* -LUYH 172 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- *All I Have is Christ* | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
- An option especially for those with young children:
  - God is So Good* -LUYH 777 | [YouTube](#) | [Music and Lyrics](#)
  - There is a Redeemer* -LUYH 833 | [YouTube with Lyrics](#)

### Prayer

*Offer your own prayer or use the following one.*

Holy Spirit,  
we ask for strength each day to live a godly life  
and for your forgiveness when we fail.  
Our sins are ever before us as we fail like Judas and Peter.  
Lord, thank you for your endless mercy and grace.  
**Amen.**

-Rev. Chris Walker

## **God Sends Us**

*While many of us will not be leaving our homes during this week we are still called to be Christ's presence in our households, on zoom calls, and social media posts, thus continuing our worship of God in all we do and say.*

## **Closing Verse**

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth  
**and wisdom and strength**  
and honor and glory  
**and praise!**

-Rev. 5:12

## **Blessing**

*Speak this blessing to those gathered with you. As you are comfortable use motions to point before, behind, beneath, above, and beside as this will help you memorize this blessing over the week and truly speak it over each other.*

**May God go**  
**before you to guide you**  
**behind you to protect you**  
**beneath you to support you**  
**above you to watch over you**  
**beside you to be your friend.**

**Do not be afraid.**

**Go in peace.**