

# Midweek Lenten Service

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## AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we find one of Jesus' twelve disciples agreeing to betray Him for money. Judas Iscariot has become synonymous with deception and betrayal. Judas's fall from follower of Jesus to the most disdained person in history should give us pause but also encourage us to continually resist Satan and all his schemes. Thanks be to God for His Son, Jesus, who continues to strengthen us in our fight against Satan.

### HYMN # 433 – Glory Be to Jesus Vs 1-3

#### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

#### OPENING SENTENCES

**Pastor:** As we turn our eyes to Holy Week, we watch as Jesus is betrayed.

**People:** **The chief priests and scribes were plotting to kill Him.**

**Pastor:** Satan entered into Judas, one of the Twelve.

**People:** **Judas agreed to betray Jesus for money.**

**Pastor:** As the Passover drew near, Judas sought an opportunity to hand Jesus over.

**People:** **Lord, grant that we be forgiven of all the deception and betrayal that is in our hearts.**

## **Psalm 64** *A psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> Hear me, my God, as I voice my complaint;  
protect my life from the threat of the enemy.

<sup>2</sup> Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked,  
from the plots of evildoers.

<sup>3</sup> They sharpen their tongues like swords  
and aim cruel words like deadly arrows.

<sup>4</sup> They shoot from ambush at the innocent;  
they shoot suddenly, without fear.

<sup>5</sup> They encourage each other in evil plans,  
they talk about hiding their snares;  
they say, "Who will see it?"

<sup>6</sup> They plot injustice and say,  
"We have devised a perfect plan!"  
Surely the human mind and heart are cunning.

<sup>7</sup> But God will shoot them with his arrows;  
they will suddenly be struck down.

<sup>8</sup> He will turn their own tongues against them  
and bring them to ruin;  
all who see them will shake their heads in scorn.

<sup>9</sup> All people will fear;  
they will proclaim the works of God  
and ponder what he has done.

<sup>10</sup> The righteous will rejoice in the Lord  
and take refuge in him;  
all the upright in heart will glory in him!

**Amen**

## **PRAYER**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **READING 2 John 3–11**

*(John warns of deceivers who have gone into the world.)*

**Lector:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **READING Luke 22:1–6**

*(Judas makes a deal with the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.)*

**Lector:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON Judas Makes a Deal**

**HYMN #560 - “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”**

## COLLECTS

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: **And let my cry come to You.**

Pastor: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You were betrayed by one of Your own disciples and handed over to death. Forgive us for the times we have betrayed You and deceived others for the sake of selfish gain, so that we might pick up our cross and follow You on the road to Calvary; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## KYRIE

People: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** Amen.

## **HYMN # 433 – Glory Be to Jesus Vs 4-6**

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