



# ***“FOUR SIGNIFICANT DAYS SIGNIFICANT DEAL: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK”***

***Wednesday, March 24, 2021 4:00PM  
Worship Service***

## **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.

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## **OPENING HYMN**

**“O Christ, You Walked the Road”**

**LSB 424**

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand’ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r  
And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung’ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand’ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation’s hour  
To fight our ancient foe.

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## **INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

#### PSALM 64

- P** Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;  
**C** preserve my life from dread of the enemy.
- P** Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,  
**C** from the throng of evildoers,
- P** who whet their tongues like swords,  
**C** who aim bitter words like arrows,
- P** shooting from ambush at the blameless,  
**C** shooting at him suddenly and without fear.
- P** They hold fast to their evil purpose;  
**C** they talk of laying snares secretly, thinking, who can see them?
- P** They search out injustice, saying, "We have accomplished a diligent search."  
**C** For the inward mind and heart of a man are deep!
- P** But God shoots his arrow at them;  
**C** they are wounded suddenly.
- P** They are brought to ruin, with their own tongues turned against them;  
**C** all who see them will wag their heads.
- P** Then all mankind fears;  
**C** they tell what God has brought about and ponder what he has done.
- P** Let the righteous one rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in him!  
**C** Let all the upright in heart exult!

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#### HYMN

#### "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

LSB 716 sts. 1, 2 & 5

- 1 I walk in danger all the way.  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If I should fail to watch and pray.  
I walk in danger all the way.
- 2 I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God's own sending.  
When in adversity  
I know not where to flee,

When storms of woe my soul dismay,  
I pass through trials all the way.

- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

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## READING

## Proverbs 6:16–19

- <sup>16</sup>There are six things that the LORD hates,  
seven that are an abomination to him:  
<sup>17</sup>haughty eyes, a lying tongue,  
and hands that shed innocent blood,  
<sup>18</sup>a heart that devises wicked plans,  
feet that make haste to run to evil,  
<sup>19</sup>a false witness who breathes out lies,  
and one who sows discord among brothers.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## READING

## 2 John 3–11

<sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

<sup>4</sup>I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. <sup>5</sup>And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. <sup>6</sup>And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. <sup>7</sup>For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup>Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. <sup>9</sup>Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup>If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, <sup>11</sup>for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## READING

## Luke 22:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. <sup>2</sup>And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. <sup>4</sup>He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORY

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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## HYMN of the DAY

### “Jesus Christ, Betrayed, Forsaken”

- 1 Jesus Christ, betrayed, forsaken,  
See the deal that Judas made.  
Scribes and Pharisees partake in  
This deception undismayed.  
Here they offer up the silver:  
Thirty pieces for his Lord.  
Judas sought then to deliver  
Jesus over to the horde.
- 2 Who would dare set such a value  
On the life of Christ, the King?  
Who would dare, then, heed the call to  
Eat and drink before the sting?  
At the Passover, appointed,  
Judas led his soldier band  
To the Christ, the Lord's anointed,  
To arrest Him as they planned.

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## SERMON

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## COLLECTS

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

- C** 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.

### **BENEDICAMUS**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### **BENEDICTION**

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Have No Fear, Little Flock”**

**LSB 735**

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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