

WORSHIP @ HOME



DAILY WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS



Preparing for worship:

Christian meditation music <http://www.viewpure.com/fOB73qRVGJs?start=0&end=0>

Take a few moments to be still.

The Greeting:

ALL: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN'.

Our tradition is to cross ourselves as this is said.

Opening prayer and lighting of three candles:

Lord God, we come to worship,

and to be reminded of our Saviour's passion;

by the power of your Spirit,

help us to enter fully into the journey of Holy Week, that we may be prepared once again for the celebration that is Easter Day.

We ask in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

Father God, help us to put you first every day and in every situation so the light from our flame grows tall, sending out more light to others.

ALL: Amen

Bible Reading:

A reading from Mark Chapter 14 verses 10-11.

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. They were pleased to hear what he had to say, and promised to give him money. So Judas started looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A message:

How do we react under pressure? This is the day that Judas agreed to betray Jesus to his enemies for money. **Jesus has only three days to live.**

A time for reflection:

Read and reflect on the words of this poem:

Thirty pieces of silver

Shining, glinting in my hand
I held the money to the light –
So little for such a deed of darkness. Eagerly had I counted it,
But now the jingling coins
Chinked like the chain links on the prisoner's wrists.
Their colour has now changed
From silver to red in the flickering fire.
Sticky with sweat, they smell of betrayal –
Blood money you'd call it.
Thirty pieces of silver,
The price of a slave,
But it held me captive.
I took the money as a token of intent
That I meant business.
They would have given more,

But why hold out for a higher price?

He had enslaved me with his words,
Enthralled me with his promises,
Then broken my dreams at Bethany!
Not a crown, but a cross,
Not power, but pain,
Not victory, but death.
Not my Messiah!
I would give him his desire – So did I betray him?
Anon.

Listen to this version of Kyrie Eleison:
<http://www.viewpure.com/6T7n1j03UZA?ref=search>

Closing prayer:

Precious Lord, forgive us we pray:
for the things we have done and left undone,
for the ways we have wandered from your heart,
for the loves we choose above your own,
for the time when we turn away from you.
Forgive us we pray.
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.
We thank you for your saving grace.
ALL: Amen.

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with us, now and evermore. Amen.**

To finish, keep a minute or two of silence. Rest in the Lords presence.

