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PSALM: You are righteous, O LORD, and Your Decisions are right.
You have laid down Your Testimonies, which are righteous and very trustworth-
thy.

My zeal has silenced me, because my adversaries forget Your Words.

Your Promise has been well refined, and Your servant loves it.

I am insignificant and despised. Yet I do not forget Your Directions.

Your righteousness is righteous for ever, and Your Instruction is true.

Distress and hardship have overtaken me, but Your Commandments are my
delight.

Your Testimonies are righteous for ever. Make me perceptive, so that I may
live!

I have been calling out with all my heart. Answer me, O LORD! Let me keep
Your Prescriptions!

I have been calling to You. Save me, so that I may keep Your Testimonies!

Look at my affliction, and rescue me! For I have not forgotten Your Instruc-
tion.

Defend my case and redeem me! Preserve my life according to Your Promise!

Psalm 119:137-146, 153-154

COLLECT: Lord God, You are merciful and tenderhearted, abounding in
love and faithfulness. Turn to us in our anguish over sin and hear our cry
for mercy that we may be at peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

SERMON: Hebrews 5:7-9 Jesus is our Perfect High Priest

1st Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

⁷ During His days in the human nature, Jesus offered prayers and petitions, with loud cries and tears, to the One who could save Him from death; and, because He feared God, He was heard. ⁸ Although Jesus is the Son, He learned obedience from the things that He suffered. ⁹ When He was perfected, He also became the Source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Drawn from the Four Gospels, Part 2

While they were reclining at the table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I tell you, one of you, **one who is eating with Me**, will betray Me!”

They began to be sad, and to ask Him one after another, “I am not the one, am I?” Jesus answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the bowl with Me is the one who will betray Me. The Son of Man is going as the Scriptures have said about Him, but how terrible for that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”¹

The disciples began to look at one another, at a loss to know whom Jesus meant. One of His disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Him. Therefore Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus which one He meant. Leaning back so that he was against Jesus’ chest, he asked Him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I shall give the piece of bread when I have dipped it.”

Then He dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. After Judas had taken the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, “Do quickly what you are doing!”

None of those who were reclining at the table knew why Jesus had said this to him. For, since Judas had the moneybag, some thought that Jesus was telling him, “Buy the things that we need for the feast!” or that he should give something to the poor. After Judas had taken the piece of bread, he immediately went outside. It was night.

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him. If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself; and He will glorify Him immediately.”²

While they were eating, on the night when He was betrayed, Jesus took bread,

¹ Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21

² John 13:21-32

blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it all of you, for this is My blood of the new testament, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”³

“Little children, I shall be with you a little longer yet. You will look for Me, but, as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. I am giving you a new Commandment, that you love one another. You also love one another, as I have loved you! By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Simon Peter asked Him, “Lord, where are You going?”

Jesus answered him, “You cannot follow Me now where I am going, but you will follow later.”

Peter asked Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You now? I shall lay down my life for You.”

Then the Lord said, “Simon, Simon, look! Satan has asked for you people, to sift you like wheat. However, I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. When you have turned back, strengthen your brothers!”

However, Peter told Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death.”

Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day before you deny three times that you know Me.”

Peter told Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I shall certainly not deny You.”

All the other disciples said something similar.⁴

Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you out without a purse, or a bag, or sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?”

They answered, “Nothing!”

He told them, “However, now the person who has a purse should take it, and also a bag! The person who does not have a sword should sell his garment and buy one! For I tell you that this passage of Scripture must be fulfilled in Me, ‘**He was numbered with transgressors.**’ Yes, what has been written about Me is being fulfilled.”

The disciples said, “Lord, look! Here are two swords.”

He told them, “That is enough.”⁵

Then Jesus told them, “All of you will take offence at Me this night. For Scripture

³ Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20

⁴ Matthew 26:33-35; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:33-38

⁵ Luke 22:35-38

has said, ‘I shall **strike down the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.**’ However, after I have been raised, I shall go ahead of you to Galilee.”⁶

After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and His disciples went into it. Now Judas, who was betraying Him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with His disciples.⁷

When He reached the place, He said to His disciples, “Sit down here, while I go over there and pray! Pray that you may not enter into temptation!”

He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and began to be deeply distressed and troubled. Then He told them, “**My soul is very sorrowful**, to the point of death. Stay here and be watchful with Me!” He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me! Nevertheless, not what I want, but what You want!” When He came back to the disciples, He found them sleeping. He asked Peter, “So could you men not be watchful with Me for one hour? Be watchful and pray, that you may not enter into temptation! The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass by unless I drink it, let Your will be done.” Again He returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer Him. He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before.

An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. As He was in agony, He prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground. Then He returned to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise. Let us go. Look, My betrayer is near!”⁸

M: Here ends the reading.

The congregation stands

⁶ Matthew 26:31-32

⁷ John 18:1; Matthew 26:30

⁸ Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46