

# People of the Passion

## Judas, the Opportunist

March 2, 2022

### Bells

### Opening Hymn

*Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing* | CW 400

### Invocation

(Pastor/Congregation)

M: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### The Passion History

### In the Upper Room

Now The Feast of Unleavened Bread was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to arrest Jesus and kill him, "But not during the feast," they said, "or the people may riot." Jesus said to his disciples, "As you know, the Passover is two days away and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He replied, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my

disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth-one of you will betray me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?" Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. "What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, then God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them are given the title Benefactor. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one

who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### Response

**M/C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.**

### Hymn

*It Was a Dark and Dismal Night* | **CW 417**

### Sermon Text

Luke 22:1-6

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the experts in the law were trying to find some way to put Jesus to death, because they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup>He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. <sup>5</sup>They were glad and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.

### “Judas, the Opportunist”

*Pastor Boehringer*

### Offering and Prayer

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE IN 3:30 SERVICE

*“There is a Green Hill Far Away”*

By Cecil F. Alexander

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv’n, he died to make us good  
That we might go at last to heav’n, saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough to pay the price for sin.  
He only could unlock the gate of heav’n and let us in.

#### ADULT CHOIR IN 6:30 SERVICE

*“My Worth is Not in What I Own”*

By David Angerman

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the costly wounds of love at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

**Refrain:** *I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no other, my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by, but life eternal calls to us at the cross. I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light, but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. **Refrain**

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness, my value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross. **Refrain. Refrain**

### Confession and Absolution

### Words of Institution

### Distribution Hymns

*In This Holy, Blest Communion* | **CW 669**

Second Grade (3:30) and Adult Choir (6:30) will sing all three stanzas of Hymn 669 followed by the congregation singing all three stanzas.

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* | **CW 663**

### Prayer for Peace

**M:** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Blessing

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

*Now the Light Has Gone Away* | **CW 784**