



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

Lent Course 2024

'People On The Edge'

Judas: Cheating Heart

Week 3: 5 March 2024

Welcome

Self Examination & Confession

God the Father:

Have mercy on us.

God the Son:

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit:

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity:

Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world,
the flesh and the devil:

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death;
and at the day of judgement:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and Ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal: have mercy upon us.

Make our hearts clean, O God:

And renew a right spirit within us.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. AMEN.

Song 987 Here Is Love Vast As The Ocean

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Matthew 26:47-56

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?' ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Matthew 27:3-10

³ When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' ⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

A Few Thoughts

Monologue

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

- 1) How do you interpret the motives of Judas? Do you feel any sense of empathy with him?
- 2) Is it ever justified to see any person as wholly evil?
- 3) What are the possibilities of forgiveness and redemption for people who commit acts that are so terrible and horrific?
- 4) How do you react when you have been betrayed?
- 5) How might your attitudes be changed in the light of the Gospel?

Song 1045 From The Squalor Of A Borrowed Stable

Closing Prayer

Calm us, Loving God
When we feel let down, betrayed
Unclench the moment and let us breathe deeply of your spirit
Soften us into understanding of your ways
Deepen us into understanding and forgiveness
Fill us with hope for a future with you
That is you. **AMEN.**