

## Wednesday, March 23

*Today, we see Judas Iscariot revealed as the one who will betray Jesus. We are called not only to remember the pain of Jesus, but also to enter into his trust in the Father.*

### The Prayer of Confession

*Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;  
all day long an attacker oppresses me.*

Psalm 56:1

### The Gospel Reading

*After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus’ side, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.*

John 13:21–30

### The Psalm of Response

*My heart is in anguish within me;  
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.  
Fear and trembling come upon me,  
and horror overwhelms me.  
And I say, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove!  
I would fly away and be at rest;  
yes, I would wander far away;  
I would lodge in the wilderness.*

Psalm 55:4-7

### The Prayer for the Day – for Mercy

O Father, in your mercy look on my weakness, and for the glory of your name turn from me all those evils that I most righteously have deserved. And grant that in all the troubles of this life, I may put my whole trust and confidence in your mercy and grace, and always serve you with a pure heart and a clear conscience and a sincere faith in holiness and love, to your honor and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate Jesus Christ.

*adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, 1689*

### The Closing Psalm Prayer

Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
do not hide from my supplication.  
Attend to me and hear me.  
I will cast my burden on you, Lord.  
You will sustain me,  
and I will trust in you.

adapted from Psalm 55:1, 22, 23