



**Wednesday, April 8, 2020:
Wednesday of Holy Week**



Catholic Church

215 South 8th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Good Morning!

Today we read from Isaiah 50:49, Psalm 69 and Matthew 26:14-25. The scene has been set. The Passover Supper is ready. Jesus and his disciples have sat down and they are comfortably chatting as friends do. All seems normal, all seems fine. Jesus had told them he would have to suffer and die but they never imagined it would happen in the next days. Everything seems like it was going so well until Jesus says, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." All are shocked and greatly disturbed, as you and I would be. All say to Jesus, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" The one who would, knew. I suppose it had to be someone. Someone had to do it and Judas was the one. Betrayal, one of the most hurtful experiences one can endure. How must Jesus have felt? How must the others have felt, thinking of themselves capable of doing so? What was Judas thinking? Why him? Did he too not give up everything to follow Jesus? The stage is set, how will the next few days influence your life?

We can be rattled by outward influences but what really matters is our inward peace and dignity. We are invited to the supper, we too will be challenged. As we conclude our Lenten journey and enter into the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ these next few days, reflect upon how you have been challenged. Outward influences have rattled our world, we have been forced to adjust. Nothing can rob us of our inner peace when we rely on the Lord. Isaiah writes, "See, the Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong?" Be gentle with yourself, be kind. As we walk with Jesus, remember when we began the journey just a few short days ago. My how the world has changed. How do we now enter into the passion of Jesus with this new worldview?

Peace,

RevKev

<http://www.usccb.org/>"Lord, in your great love, answer me."