



Lent Wednesday 2, February 24, 2021

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Welcome to Cross of Christ

Opening Song

“Drawn to the Cross”

*Hymn #387*

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

**God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.** (1 John 1:5)

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

**We lie and do not live by the truth.** (1 John 1:6)

If we claim to be without sin,

**We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.** (1 John 1:8)

**Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of the Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

*Silence observed for private confession.*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1:7*). Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May the remembrance of our baptisms, your Supper, and your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Passion History

Reading #1

*On screens*

Song of Praise

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

*Hymn #385:1,2,3,5*

## Meditation

John 13:21-30

After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."

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, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." 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 festival, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

### **A Moment of Betrayal**

## Evening Prayer

All praise to you, our God, this night for all the blessings of the light. Keep us, yes, keep us, King of kings beneath your own almighty wings. Forgive us, Lord, through your dear Son for sins that we this day have done, that as we sleep, peace we would hold with all, with you, within our souls.

**Amen.**

**I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Blessing

May the blessing of our eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, and his peace to unite us.

Amen.

## Closing Song

“Abide with Me”

Hymn #588:1,5,7

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## Offerings

*If you would like to give an offering to support our ministry, offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at [cocidaho.org/give](http://cocidaho.org/give) or contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to bring your offering to church.*

## Our Mission

*Cross of Christ congregation exists to joyously proclaim the gospel of free salvation locally and worldwide. Through God's Word and Sacraments, we strive to win lost souls for Christ and nurture believers for lives of Christian service.*

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