



TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Today we see Jesus at table with his disciples. Jesus is troubled for he knows one of those present is plotting to betray him.

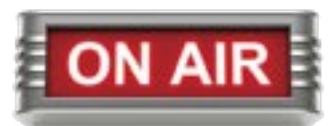
Scripture tells us

'While at supper with his disciples, Jesus was troubled in Spirit and declared, 'I tell you solemnly, one of you will betray me', The disciples looked at one another, wondering who he meant.' (John 13:21-33. 36-38)

Deepening our Participation in Broadcast Celebrations

Before the broadcast begins:

- Gather with other members of your household, if you can.
- Place a family picture or pictures of loved ones in your sacred space.
- Light the candle safely.



During the broadcast look out for the following:

- You will find that Mass is celebrated as normal today. In these days, we remember especially those who are **preparing to be baptised** and become new members of the Christian community. This year, as a result of the restrictions in place they will have to wait a little longer for baptism. As they do so let us continue to remember them especially in our prayers.
- The **readings** return to the Prophet Isaiah and to his presentation of the Servant of God as one whose suffering will not go unnoticed or unrewarded. The Psalm expresses sentiments of great trust in God – ‘In you O Lord I seek refuge.’ In the Gospel, the longstanding friendship between Jesus and Judas is being tested and Jesus senses someone is about to betray him.
- At communion time make an **Act of Spiritual Communion**. Invite Jesus to visit your heart, take some time to truly welcome his presence and ask him to bless your family and friends with the gifts of peace and harmony.

A Prayer Ritual at Home

In the prayer space place pictures of people you care about.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Lord the pain of being betrayed by someone you loved and trusted must have been hard. Was your life not worth more than thirty pieces of silver? Lord help us to appreciate our family and friends – each one unique, each one a gift from you. Help us always to be honest with them in our words and in our actions. Help us to work so that true love, harmony and peace may reign among us. Amen.

Reading

‘While at supper with his disciples, Jesus was troubled in Spirit and declared, ‘I tell you solemnly, one of you will betray me’. The disciples looked at one another, wondering who he meant.’ (From the Gospel of the day, full text John 13:21-33, 36-38)

Reflection

There are growing tensions as the passion and crucifixion nears. This time the tension is not from outside – it is closer to home. It is from within the very group of Jesus’ closest friends. Although each one is different, they somehow had felt the call and followed Jesus. They had shared the common experience of being with him these last few years – they had listened to his every word and witnessed things they could only have dreamt of. They had built a bond - a band of brothers. Now right in their midst, distrust and disharmony was festering. One of their own – one of their number was about to betray Jesus. How easily even the best of relationships can break down. How important it is to appreciate those we love and those who



love us – our family and our friends. How we must work to bring peace to petty quarrels and unity to divisions so that love and harmony and peace may reign between us.

Ritual Action

Pause in silence to pray for harmony among our family and friends - for those whose pictures have been placed in the sacred space.

Lord, help us always to get along. Help us never to betray each other in word or action. Help us to grow in love for each other. As a sign of our commitment to this let us offer each other a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace as appropriate and safe to do so.

Intercessions *Light the candle*

As we light this candle we pray especially for harmony and peace among family and friends, among nations and peoples. *(Pause)* We pray for our needs and the needs of the whole world. We remember in our prayer ... *(Bring your intentions to God)* **Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Our Father ...

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy. Amen

Blessing

The Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us; The Lord turn his face toward us and give us his peace both now and forever. Amen.

Sign of the Cross ...

To do

Before the sun sets, make peace with everyone in the house. Take time to tell each one in your family that you care for them. Call those who are absent and tell them too. Pray for areas for the world that suffer from war or violence. Look up on the internet Christian communities that are suffering persecution at this time.