

The Gospel: John 13:21-32

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

The Prayers

O Lord, hear our prayer...

We pray for people everywhere, that we may become united in your truth. Live together in your love, and reveal your glory and grace in the world.

We pray that we may become people who walk in the ways of justice and peace; honor one another and serve the common good; be humble and love and seek you in all our ways.

We pray that we may have a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly, serve and care for all your creation and creatures, to your honor and glory.

We pray that you bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love another as he loves us.

We pray that you comfort and heal and all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; we pray for _____(Please name those people for whom you offer prayer); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, for things we have done which we ought not to have done; (pause) for those things which we ought to have done but have left undone; (pause) for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives.

We pray for the all of the joys, concerns, and thanksgivings of the people gathered here; for our families, friends, and neighbors. May we come to know and love you above all things, and to trust that you are with us in all things; may we live in you in joy, peace, health, and goodness.

O Lord, hear our prayer...