

A reading from 1 Peter chapter 1 verses 13 through 21. You can find the reading on page 1014 in your pew Bible.

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 41.

Leader: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

People: the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;

Leader: he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

**People: The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.**

Leader: As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

**People: My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"**

Leader: And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

**People: All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.**

Leader: They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."

**People: Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.**

Leader: But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!

**People: By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.**

Leader: But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

**People: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!**

All: Amen and Amen.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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***And now would you join me as we collect our prayers
(intercessions) through the collect (prayer) of the day***

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:

Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways,

and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to
embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus
Christ your Son;

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever
and ever. Amen.