

Wednesday, April 8, 2020; (Spy Wednesday) Holy Week

Isa 50:4-9; Psalm 68(69):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matt 26:14-25

Them: Betrayal

“Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me.”

Jesus knew that the appointed time had come; God’s plan was on track and he was committed to total obedience, concerning his divinely ordained destiny. Yet, that hour was tied to painful human betrayal, from within; he even knew his betrayer, a companion and disciple. His principal betrayer, Judas, shared in his entire life and ministry, and was called to intimacy, with the opportunity to be in communion with Jesus. Jesus once noted: “I call you friends.” That was after Judas departed from the community into the dark night.

Personal ambition destroyed true friendship. Although he shared bread, that is, life, with Jesus, his heart was elsewhere: greed. The attraction of money, the root of all evil, got the better of him. What about us? Have we in any way betrayed the trust and love of our families and loved ones.

Have we allowed greed and inordinate ambition make us forsake true friendship and genuine trust?

Lord, forgive our treachery; help us to forgive those who betray our trust. Amen.

--Fr. Maurice Igboerika