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## Tuesday in Holy Week

Morning,

Firstly our thoughts and prayers are for our Prime Minister Boris Johnson and for all who are sick at this time, and for all caring for them.

Cardinal Nichols tweeted last evening:

*Prime Minister Boris Johnson has a personal fight on his hands against the vicious coronavirus and needs our prayers. Let us pray for him, all who are suffering and our NHS workers caring for them.*

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The Mass readings for today are attached for you.

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For today's reflection I have looked at The Walk with Me-A Lenten journey of prayer for 2020 booklet.

"Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: 'Self-knowledge puts us on our knees; this is very necessary for love. For knowledge of God gives love; knowledge of self gives humility.' Self-knowledge or self-awareness is a gift. How well do you know yourself, your strengths and weaknesses, your inner drives and the hidden motives of your heart? Through examining our conscience and with the help of the Holy Spirit we come to understand a little of the desires and compulsions of our heart. This self-knowledge is the truth that sets us free, because it leads not to despair and self-loathing, like Judas, but the joy of turning back to God, like Peter"

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Bishop Alan has asked for the following links to be shared with you.

They are talks on St Matthew's narrative of the Passion. (They are audio talks) from Fr Adrian Graffy, a priest in Brentwood Diocese. The links are:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/listen-matthews-story-passion-time-lockdown/>

<https://www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks-1/2020/4/2/matthews-story-of-the-passion>

The following website is also a good resource:

[www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

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If today had not been Tuesday of Holy Week which of course takes precedence, 7th April is the saint day for St Henry Walpole (1558-1595).

From <https://universalis.com/20200407/today.htm>

Henry Walpole was born at **Docking (Norfolk)** in 1558, the eldest son of Christopher and Margery Walpole. He was educated at Norwich Grammar School, at Peterhouse, Cambridge, and at Gray's Inn. He is said to have become a Catholic as a consequence of the martyrdom of Edmund Campion. In 1582 he went abroad to study, first to Reims and then to the English College, Rome. Shortly afterwards he joined the Society of Jesus. In spite of poor health he was ordained priest at Paris in 1588, served as chaplain to the Spanish army in the Netherlands, and then taught in the English seminaries of Seville and Valladolid. In 1593 he returned to England, landing at Bridlington on 6 December, but was arrested the very next day on suspicion of being a priest. He was interrogated at York, transferred to the Tower of London where he was frequently tortured. He was indicted on a charge of high treason because he was ordained abroad to minister in England; he was condemned to death. He was executed at York on **7 April** 1595, by being hanged, drawn and quartered.

Walpole was beatified in 1929 and canonised in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

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One of the intercessions from Morning Prayer for today:

*Grant us the protection of your Mother, the comforter of the afflicted; -help us to extend to others the consolation you have given to us.*

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My prayers for you all as you begin this new day.

God bless

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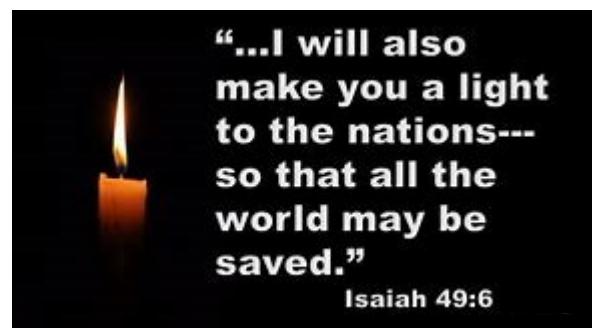
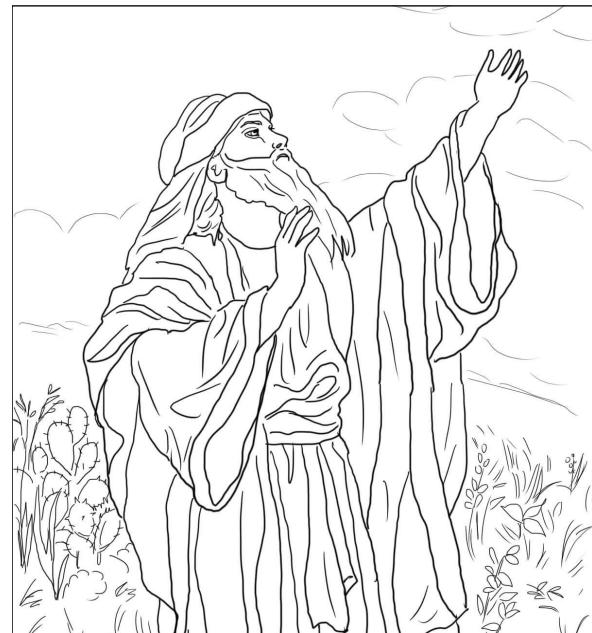
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## **Tuesday in Holy Week**

### **First reading - Isaiah 49:1-6**

**I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth**

Islands, listen to me,  
pay attention, remotest peoples.  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.  
He made my mouth a sharp sword,  
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.  
He made me into a sharpened arrow,  
and concealed me in his quiver.  
He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel)  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain,  
I have exhausted myself for nothing';  
and all the while my cause was with the Lord,  
my reward with my God.  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.  
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:  
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'



*Word of the Lord*

### **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 70(71):1-6, 15, 17**

***My lips will tell of your help.***

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me.  
***My lips will tell of your help.***

*David asks God for help soon, because an enemy is going to kill him.*

*The enemy thinks that he has beaten David, so the enemy says, “\*Aha! Aha!” These are not really words, but sounds that people make when they think, “I have won the fight!”*

*David remembers again that he needs help from God.*

Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked.  
***My lips will tell of your help.***

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help.  
***My lips will tell of your help.***

My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still.  
***My lips will tell of your help.***



## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
Hail to you, our King!  
Obedient to the Father, you were led to your crucifixion  
as a meek lamb is led to the slaughter.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

## Gospel - John 13:21-33, 36-38

### 'What you are going to do, do quickly'

While at supper with his disciples, Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, 'I tell you most solemnly, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, wondering which he meant. The disciple Jesus loved was reclining next to Jesus; Simon Peter signed to him and said, 'Ask who it is he means', so leaning back on Jesus' breast he said, 'Who is it, Lord?' 'It is the one' replied Jesus 'to whom I give the piece of bread that I shall dip in the dish.' He dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. At that instant, after Judas had taken the bread, Satan entered him. Jesus then said, 'What you are going to do, do quickly.' None of the others at table understood the reason he said this. Since Judas had charge of the common fund, some of them thought Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival', or telling him to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the piece of bread he went out. Night had fallen.

When he had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.'



‘My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
You will look for me,  
And, as I told the Jews,  
where I am going, you cannot come.’

Simon Peter said, ‘Lord, where are you going?’ Jesus replied, ‘Where I am going you cannot follow me now; you will follow me later.’ Peter said to him, ‘Why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.’ ‘Lay down your life for me?’ answered Jesus. ‘I tell you most solemnly, before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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## Holy Tuesday

### Holy Tuesday – Plan One: Challenge His Deity

The significance of Holy Tuesday is not easily grasped. In a single day, Jesus would simultaneously condemn the religious authorities while confirming His deity. The cleansing of the Temple on Holy Monday caused the Pharisees to question Jesus’ right to do “these things.” Jesus had not received His authority from the religious leaders . . . so they wanted answers.

Attempts were made to force Jesus to state that He had divine power from God. Then He could be charged with blasphemy, even arrested. Knowing their motives, Jesus agreed to answer their questions if they first answered whether John the Baptist’s work was human or divine. If divine, John’s preaching affirmed Jesus as divine. If human, those who followed John would riot. It was the Sanhedrin’s responsibility to know the difference between true and false prophets, yet they shamefully admitted they didn’t know. Thus, Jesus did not answer their question (Matthew 21:23–27; Mark 11:27–33).

### Holy Tuesday – Plan Two: Discredit His Power

On Holy Tuesday, the conspiracies to trap Jesus escalated. Israel’s religious leaders had one goal: to get rid of Jesus of Nazareth. If this meant cooperating with a lifelong enemy, any means would be justified. So the Pharisees—who opposed Rome and its intrusion on the Jewish way of life—and the Herodians, supporters of Herod the Great, joined forces. Even the Sadducees—religious liberals who denied a resurrection, angels, or spirits—attempted to discredit Jesus. This time Jesus did not remain silent:

- Tribute to Caesar (Matthew 22:15–22) – Aware of their hypocrisy, Jesus reminded the Pharisees and Herodians that a sphere of authority belongs to God. Man has responsibilities in both political and spiritual matters.
- Marriage at the Resurrection (Mark 12:18–27) – In response to their fictitious story of seven brothers, Jesus revealed the Sadducees’ ignorance of the Scriptures and God’s power to overcome death and give life.
- Whose Son is Christ (Matthew 22:41–46) – Jesus questioned the Pharisees regarding the

Messiah's coming from the line of David. Contrary to the Pharisees' claim that He was a human son of David, Jesus quoted Psalm 110:1 in which David ascribed deity to Him.

Jesus warned the crowds and disciples about the hypocrisy and unbelief of the nation's religious leaders. By imposing eternal restrictions, the truth remained hidden. Jesus pronounced seven condemnations ("Woes") addressing the false religion that was abhorrent to God (Matthew 23:13–33). When a (Mosaic) Law expert was sent to question Jesus about The Greatest Commandment, Jesus quickly summarized the entire Ten Commandments into two. The Old Testament established these two points: Love for God and love for others who are made in God's image (Matthew 22:34–40).

### Holy Tuesday – Plan Three: Be Prepared

How painful that Holy Tuesday must have been to cause Jesus to utter His final lament over the city of Jerusalem (John 12:37–40). Even before His crucifixion, Jesus' heart would be pierced by Israel's lack of faith. Their failure to recognize His deity left the people unprepared. The mourning of the nation of Israel would be great (Zechariah 12:10–11). Soon the Temple would be destroyed and Jerusalem with it.

As Jesus left the Temple, His disciples asked two critical questions: "*When will this happen [the destruction of the Temple], and what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?*" This prompted Jesus' prophetic Olivet Discourse (*Jesus' warning to his followers that they will suffer tribulation*) found in Matthew 24–25. He not only answered their questions, but presented practical lessons for those who will be living at that time, encouraging them to be faithful, watchful, and prepared. These lessons are relevant to all believers—in any Age.

