

Thought for the day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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Betrayed! Stephen Brown

Betrayed! The 'Jerusalem one'  
innocent of all charges,  
and Judas is our scapegoat.

Forgive us Lord,  
for with Peter, we deny  
and with Judas we betray.  
Deep fear compromises love,  
and we separate ourselves  
in unholy disjunction  
from truth.

And the silence of shame overwhelms us  
And the sorrow of tainted silver marks us.

Forgive us Lord,  
that privileged though we are  
to know the drama's full tale  
we sell faith cheaply,  
and seek smooth phrases of excuse.

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How do we pray during Holy Week?