



**Tuesday, April 7, 2020:
Tuesday of Holy Week**



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Good Morning!

Today we read from Isaiah 49:1-6, Psalm 71 and John 13:21-33, 36-38. Someone will betray Jesus, others will deny Jesus. These are Jesus' friends, his disciples, with whom he is speaking. They do not know what is about to happen. They have no clue. Peter says, "Master, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Many of us would have said the same. We have been called to follow Jesus and we have responded. How does the call challenge us today? Can we be a light in these dark days? Do we feel that what we do is simply toiling in vain? The good we can do no matter how great or how small is all for God's glory. We can wallow in self-pity or selfishness. Our hopes may have been diminished but when we turn to the Lord and seek to renew our friendships with Jesus, we can find our level of hopefulness increases. We are not burdened with the weight of the world but find freedom in this renewed relationship, which bring us greater hope. When challenges diminish our hope, when pandemics overshadow our lives, we find strength in the Lord. A new strength that we never realized before because we could not understand. We still may not understand completely until it is over, but for now, as we read in Psalm 71, "For you are my hope, O Lord, my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength."

Peace,

RevKev

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