

The Living Portrayal of the Last Supper

“In the evening Jesus arrived with the twelve disciples. As they were sitting around the table eating, Jesus said, ‘The truth is, one of you will betray me, one of you who is here eating with me.’”
(Mark 14:17-18 NLT)

Colonial Beach Baptist Church

April 21st 2011

ORDER OF SEATING (L to R)

Nathaniel
James the Lesser
Andrew
Judas
Peter
John
Jesus
Thomas
James
Philip
Matthew
Thaddaeus
Simon the Zealot

ORDER OF SPEAKING

Thaddaeus
Nathaniel
Thomas
James
Andrew
Matthew
James the Lesser
Peter
Philip
John
Simon the Zealot
Judas



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please, no flash photography during or after this service! Do not applaud during, or after, this dramatic presentation of a sacred event. After Judas completes his soliloquy and exits the sanctuary, PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON YOUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST—search your heart, confess your sins, thank Him for His mercy, and ask Him for grace to draw nearer His side. Then in gratitude for what Christ did for you in His Passion, and in consideration of others who are still in prayer, *please leave the sanctuary in complete and total silence.*

PORTRAYING THE APOSTLES

Thaddaeus -- John Anderson
Nathaniel -- Willis Slaughter
Thomas -- Bill Taylor
James -- Fred Smith
Andrew -- Billy Wilkins
Matthew -- Ernie Gardner
James the Lesser -- Jeff Lewis
Peter -- Zack Trigger
Philip -- Chris Stine
John -- Daniel Wise
Simon the Zealot -- Melvin Satchell
Judas -- Mike Stine

PORTRAYING JESUS

Johnny Almond

MUSIC

Praise 9 and 10 – prelude and prayer time
“*This Holy Night is Theirs*” by John W. Peterson – Chancel Choir
“*How Beautiful is the Body of Christ*” - K.C. Armstrong [CD]

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Daniel Wise and Zack Trigger	cross in vestibule



Prayerful words from Johann Sebastian Bach’s St. Matthew Passion

*HAVE MERCY, LORD, ON ME, REGARD MY BITTER WEEPING, LOOK ON ME.
HEART AND EYES BOTH WEEP TO THEE BITTERLY.
LAMB OF GOD, I FALL BEFORE THEE, HUMBLY TRUSTING IN THY CROSS,
THAT ALONE BE ALL MY GLORY, ALL THINGS ELSE I COUNT BUT LOSS.
JESU, ALL MY HOPE AND JOY FLOW FROM THEE, THOU SOV’REIGN GOOD.
HOPE AND LOVE, FAITH AND PATIENCE ALL WERE PURCHASED BY THY BLOOD.*

“Is it I?”

“I could never turn against him.

I know this much, Lord Jesus, You are the only hope we have.”

- Thaddaeus

“He tells us one of us is to betray him. How can that be?

I have a hard time accepting that.”

- Nathaniel

*“I am not a man of doubt, but a man of daring. Is he blaming me
for lack of courage?”*

- Thomas

*“He who taught us the way of love and has loved us all, is to be
betrayed by one of us whom He loved. How can that be? Why?”*

- James

*“Now one of us is to betray Him. It is unthinkable! How could it be?
How could he get away with it in his own heart?”*

- Andrew

*“Will they suspect me, because I was once a hated tax collector?
Do I suspect myself?”*

- Matthew

“Surely it is madness to think that that could be.

Surely the betrayer is out of his mind!”

- James the Lesser

*“If I knew who the scoundrel was, I’d pierce his heart with this knife
but maybe it would be my own heart that I would pierce!”*

- Peter

*“Does the betrayer not know that in betraying Jesus he is also
betraying God? Can one of us be so blind?”*

- Philip

“He just said that one of us was a betrayer.

I just can’t believe it. It can’t be me, because He’s my best friend.”

- John

*“Jesus has told us of another kind of a kingdom. He has taught us
that a conquered heart is the only true conquest.”*

- Simon the Zealot

*“Someone has to force the issue, make Him assert Himself as
God’s Messiah. Your soul isn’t as white as you think it is!”*

- Judas

