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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Prayer by Chaplain Palmer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer offered. We are grateful today for our guests and I would like to introduce Senator Murphy who would introduce another one of our guests this morning.

SENATOR MURPHY: As they were wont to say back home, God bless all in this house. It is a pleasure to introduce to you, Monsignor Flynn, who holds forth across the street at St. Mary's. Monsignor came from Ireland, if you will, right in the heart of Ireland and when he came over he was a little bit of a rabble rouser. He was assigned to a fine old Irish priest in Boston but he couldn't get the thing about the English out of his heart and he was fair drivin' the old fellow crazy because he was alienating a lot of the parish and he finally took him aside one day and he said, now son, he says, look at it this way. He says, you are over here now. I know how bad it is over there with them English but he says, you're over here now and not all that many of the parish are Irish, and he says, them as are, don't really care all that much so he says, I'd appreciate it if you would quit it with the dirty English. He says, all you're doin' is destroyin' the parish and the little fellow says, fine, fine. And so with that, Monsignor Flynn came to his next sermon and about halfway through he says, and there they were, the dirty, rotten English, killin' the little children. Afterwards the old man got him aside and he says, son, you're not gettin' my meanin'. Now he says, enough of this. I don't care if your name is Flynn, enough of this. So the next Sunday he's tryin' real hard you know. About halfway through, maybe four minutes into it, he says, and them dirty, rotten English, blowin' up the pubs, killin' all the young men. The old boy got him aside again and he says, now, Flynn, let me put it this way. Once more and you're done. I'll have you transferred. I'll not have this happenin' in my parish. Next Sunday, the little fellow thought about it and finally Monsignor Flynn figured he had it. He'd talk about the last supper because there is no way he could get in trouble there and he is goin' on about the last supper and he is sayin', Paul, he says, is it you would betray your Lord? And with that, Paul looked up at Monsignor Flynn. He said, aw, I would not do that, Lord, you know that. He says, I love you. So he says, Thomas, is it you would betray your Lord and Thomas says, Lord, cut off me head and serve it on a platter. I'd never betray you. Finally he goes down all of the disciples until he gets to Judas and the Lord looks at Judas and says, Judas, are