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#### Matthew 26: 69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

## REFLECT

“Jesus is denied three times. He is mocked by the number of the Triune communion; he must feel as if the very holy community has abandoned him.

I imagine this feels like the holiest of rejections.

In the wake of Peter’s denial, the rooster cries out. The rooster’s crowing reminds me of the image of God as a mother hen protecting her young under her wing. I wonder if the rooster’s cry is a comfort to Jesus. I wonder if the sound at once voices the cry of Jesus’ own anguished heart and also reminds him that, though he is betrayed and denied, he is not alone.”

*-Artist Lauren Wright Pittman*

# PRAY

May I resist the urge to deny you and have the courage to identify with you always.

*Amen.*

