

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP 5

JESUS IN THE GARDEN

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

Mark 14:32-41

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.³⁴ And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.'³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.³⁶ He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?'³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

YOUTH HOMILY by Shelby Lackey

In this short story, Jesus goes to pray and he asks his disciples to stay on watch while he does. Each time he returns they are asleep. He does this three times. Each time he does this he feels more alone as he was depending on his disciples. Jesus is also worried about what God is asking of him. He needs support and he struggles with whether or not his disciples are willing to follow him, stay with him and support him through this time.

Has this ever happened to you? I have had someone in my life that has continuously let me down. It's hard to understand why he does it and hard to not think it's my fault. When I pray about it I become distressed and deeply grieved. I think I feel a little bit of what Jesus felt. I know God is there but just like Jesus, it's difficult to trust that it is all going to be ok. My mom tells me that God gives us three answers " yes", " no", and "wait" . It is hard to wait. Waiting doesn't mean you do nothing though; it means you pray for your answer and trust that you will get one in time. Then don't be discouraged if you don't get the answer you're looking for, it just means something else is waiting for you.

Despite Jesus' discouragement in this passage, he continues to pray throughout it and gets reminded that we live by God's will, not our own. This is good news for all of us. We aren't alone in the most difficult moments. God's will is always working to bring new life to us. I continue to pray for that new life and I challenge you to pray for new life when you are distressed.

HOMILY *Pastor Kyle*

OFFERING ELW 803 *Offering received during Hymn*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



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“Vanco Mobile” giving app
 from your smart phone’s app store

Give online
 through this **QR code**
 Use smart phone camera; click link



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Prayers	Julie Lansdon
Homily	Pastor Kyle

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday

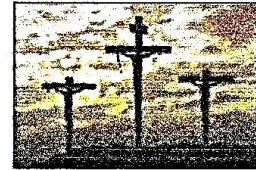
March 28 at 7:00 PM

Worship focuses on the Last Supper & the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

March 29 at 5:00 & 7:00 PM

Powerful and moving service using the Stations of the Cross



Easter Sunday

March 31 at 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

6:30 AM – Sunrise Worship in the Woods

8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM – Festival Worship Celebrating the Resurrection

9:30 AM – Family Sunday School Easter Celebration

Join us as we flower the cross and learn more about Easter

This is for parents & kids in the FLC. Please bring fresh flowers



Livestreamed Options:

Maundy Thursday: 7pm. Good Friday: 7pm.

Easter Sunday: 9:30 & 11 am. godshearthumanhands.org

Western Worship & Barbeque
April 7 @ 11am

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