

Midweek Lent 4

March 25, 2020

7:00p

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Sermon Theme: “Garden Tears: Jesus Grieves over His Suffering”

Text: Matthew 26:36-45

The Hymnody

Sermon Hymn..... LSB 571

Closing Hymn..... LSB 422

Psalm 54:1–7

P O God, save me, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

C O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

P For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.

C Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

P He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.

C With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

P For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Matthew 26:36-45

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.”

Please place your offering in an offering place as you depart.