



LENT MIDWEEK 3

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ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

A sound can evoke a certain memory or emotion—a special song, fingernails on a chalkboard, a baby's cry. In this Lenten series, sounds associated with our Savior's suffering and death recall His sacrifice and the forgiveness, life, and salvation it won for us. *Worship Wednesdays in Lent and on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 6 pm.*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 420 *“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *excerpts from Hebrews 9 NLT, 4 ESV*

P Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come.

C **With his own blood he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.**

P For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands.

C **He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf.**

P He did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again.

C **Once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.**

P Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

C **let us hold fast our confession.**

P For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

C **but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

P Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

C **that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

A COLLECT FOR LENT

P Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Ecclesiastes 3:1–11; John 11:17–44*

After each reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN 436 *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

SERMON *Sounds of the Passion: “Crying Tears”*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

PRAYER

After each petition:

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 878 “*Abide with Me*”

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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