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## **UNISON PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

One: Let us pray together...

**All: God of Joy and Arrival, enter our lives as Christ entered Jerusalem. May we celebrate your coming. May we cry out with the stones so the world might hear your glad arrival. Yet do not leave us in the events to come. This joyous crowd which greets you will turn and flee. From a crowd of hosannas, we turn into a silent, denying crowd at the Cross. Do not leave us in the events to come. Even though we may leave you, do not leave us, O Christ. Then forgive us, so we can return to you changed. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Lift Up Your Heads" Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 35 Ann Sanborn

**THE SERMON** Rev. Diane Bennekamper

**ANTHEM** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Chancel Choir

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

**HYMN** "All Glory Laud and Honor" Chancel Choir

## **BENEDICTION**

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**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      “Go in Peace”

**POSTLUDE**      “Hosannah!”      Jacques Lemmons/ arr. Jones

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Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Diane Bennekamper
Music Committee:	Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Beth Stouder
Music:	Nancy Wines-DeWan
Ushers:	Joe & Jo Blinick
Liturgist:	Ann Sanborn
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; John 20:1-18





## WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING?

By Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Luke  
22:39-46

*He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives;*

*and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [[ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'*

**ARTIST'S STATEMENT** Why are you sleeping? It's a simple question. In this case, it's a heartbreaking question. In anguish, Jesus prays for God to take this cup from him, though he still insists that God's will be done—an image of undeniable faithfulness. I imagine Jesus daydreamed of ways he could get out of his imminent torture and death while blood and sweat poured from his body. I imagine his dreams of circumventing this path came crashing down when he found his disciples fast asleep. Why are you sleeping? In my reading of this text, I can feel the profound disappointment and exasperated anger of Jesus as he is almost comically abandoned by his community. In the midst of his most desperate cry for help his support system is taking a nap. This is just one of the millions of ways we as humanity have spectacularly failed in following Christ. I imagine in the moment Jesus awoke the disciples the chilling reality of his coming pain ran up his spine. He would be rejected, abandoned, betrayed, denied, and nailed to a tree. ~Lauren Wright Pittman, | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)