

Entering the Passion of Jesus – Lent Six
Time for Self-Reflection
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“They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’” — Mark 14:32-36 (with references to Mark 14:32-52, John 18:1-11)

Take some time to look at this artwork and place yourself “in the picture” by choosing any character in the painting. Contemplate the following questions:



What is your chosen character noticing in this moment? What does he or she hear, smell?

What can you imagine the character is thinking? How might he be feeling?

Why are they there? What can you imagine about what they were doing just before this moment, or what they might have done character noticing in this moment? What do they hear?

What do they see? What do afterwards in response to being involved in this moment?

What would you have thought, felt, and done if you could paint yourself into the scene?

Spend some time praying this prayer from our worship:

Here I am, Jesus.

I find myself alongside you in a garden of grief for the violence so many of this world endure.

I am tired. I don't know what to do next.

And so, I sleep sometimes, hoping to awake from a bad dream.

Forgive me, O God.

Help me to face this hour knowing you are always here.

You only ask the same of me... to be present, to be awake.

You enter the story of my life over and over.

May I have the courage to enter fully into the story of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

And remember this assurance from our worship:

Know this: We can open to let the story remind us that no matter what we face, or how we fail to meet the demand of the moment, second chances are possible.

You are forgiven and freed,

encouraged and loved

by the Creator who wants you to live fully.

Amen.

My thoughts and prayers: