

# Places of the Passion

## Bethany

February 24, 2021

11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### PRELUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

setting by David Maxwell

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

421 Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Jesus, grant that balm and healing  
In Your holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning  
Keep me from its first beginning.*
  
- 2 *Should some lust or sharp temptation  
Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Draw me to Your cross and passion,  
And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"  
That the tempter flee confounded.*

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5        *O my God, my rock and tower,  
          Grant that in Your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost its power  
          Since You crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let Your agony  
Ever help and comfort me;  
          When I die be my protection,  
          Light and life and resurrection.*

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## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor:        The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:**        **Amen.**

Pastor:        Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**People:**        **To see the depths of His love.**

Pastor:        To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

**People:**        **To gaze upon the heights of His grace.**

Pastor:        To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

**People:**        **We walk with Jesus to Bethany.**

Pastor:        And into the house of Simon the leper.

**People:**        **Mary prepares Christ for His burial by anointing Him with perfume.**

Pastor:        Faithful Lord, with me abide.

**People:**        **I shall follow where You guide!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Our Gospel reading states that, "Mary came up to Jesus with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at table." Forgive us, kind Father--

**People: For too often, our giving is nothing like this.**

Pastor: Our sinful nature prefers another word--

**People: Get.**

Pastor: Get even, get back, and get revenge.

**People: Get more, get ahead, and get on top.**

Pastor: We are consumed with consuming.

**People: Driven by selfish desires.**

Pastor: Passionate about more possessions.

**People: We are too much like the disciples.**

Pastor: And too little like Mary.

**People: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(We silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater)*

Pastor: Hear the good new! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment, and death--for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha--for you. That is why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

**People: I shall follow where You guide!**

## HYMN

### 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.*
- 2 *Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, for through her generosity we catch a glimpse of Your joyful and generous kingdom. By Your Spirit's power enable us to live and give like her; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 36:1-7

<sup>1</sup> So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded."

<sup>2</sup> Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. <sup>3</sup> They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. <sup>4</sup> So all the skilled craftsmen who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left their work <sup>5</sup> and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done."

<sup>6</sup> Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, <sup>7</sup> because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup> And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup> Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup> For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. <sup>5</sup> And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (sung by soloist)

- 1        *When I survey the wondrous cross  
          On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
          And pour contempt on all my pride.*
- 2        *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
          Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
          I sacrifice them to His blood.*
- 3        *See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
          Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
          Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*
- 4        *Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
          That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
          Demands my soul, my life, my all!*

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*(please stand)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 26:6-13

<sup>6</sup> While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

<sup>8</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. <sup>9</sup> "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

<sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## SERMON

*Places of the Passion: Bethany*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above.  
Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we  
pray. Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

**People: To give without counting the cost.**

Pastor: To share without expecting anything in return.

**People: To hold all of our treasures with open hands.**

Pastor: To have Gospel priorities and align our life, our love, and our time in  
their light.

**People: To know the freedom that comes with generosity.**

Pastor: To give like the Israelites who continued to bring freewill offerings  
morning after morning.

**People: To give like the Macedonians who urgently pleaded for the privilege of  
sharing.**

Pastor: To give like Mary, joyfully, exceedingly, and lavishly.

**People: To give like Jesus, lovingly, faithfully, and abundantly.**

Pastor: Father, we recall the words of our Savior, "I tell you the truth, wherever  
this gospel is preached, throughout the world, what she has done will  
also be told, in memory of her." And so we pray.

**People: Take my love, my Lord, I pour.**

Pastor: At Your feet its treasure store.

**People: Take myself and I will be.**

Pastor: Ever, only, all for Thee.

**People: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.**



## 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 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

Pastor: Jesus invites us to walk with Him to Bethany, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb--and resurrection victory.

**People: Let us ever walk with Jesus!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,  
And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

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## POSTLUDE

“Fugue in D Minor”

Francois Couperin

## Serving at Chapel

Preacher: Ellory Glenn

Liturgist: Theodore Laesch

Organist: Ryan Meyer

Singers: 11:00 a.m. Lynda Christian  
6:30 p.m. Nate Laesch

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