

# Places of the Passion

## The Mount of Olives

March 3, 2021

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

### PRELUDE

*"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"*

setting by Mark Hayes

### WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

### 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.*
  
- 2 *Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.*
  
- 3 *Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.*

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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 the Mount of Olives.**

Pastor: He sang a hymn overflowing with praise.

**People: For though the sheep will be scattered—**

Pastor: After Christ is raised He will go before them into Galilee.

**People: Faithful Lord with me abide. I shall follow where You guide.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father, trusting in His forgiveness and grace in Jesus Christ.

**People: Heavenly Father, hear us as we confess—**

Pastor: That we at times fail to honor You in our worship and songs.

**People: Instead, we hide in our pride and prejudice.**

Pastor: We often find cover in darkness of deceit and denial.

**People: We lurk in the shadows of pettiness and greed,**

Pastor: At times our hearts and homes have become places filled with bitterness.

**People: Backbiting.**

Pastor: And endless blame.

**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 news! 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.*

3 *Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus Christ, in the darkness of that night so long ago on the Mount of Olives, with Your disciples You sang songs of praise. Place those same songs into our hearts and mouths, for You have won the battle; for You live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

2 Chronicles 20:1, 2, 14-22

<sup>1</sup> After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to make war on Jehoshaphat.

<sup>2</sup> Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Sea. It is already in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi).

<sup>14</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

<sup>15</sup> He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. <sup>16</sup> Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup> You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'"

<sup>18</sup> Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. <sup>19</sup> Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

<sup>20</sup> Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."

<sup>21</sup> After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

"Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."

<sup>22</sup> As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup> Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup> pray continually; <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> Do not put out the Spirit's fire; <sup>20</sup> do not treat prophecies with contempt. <sup>21</sup> Test everything. Hold on to the good. <sup>22</sup> Avoid every kind of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

### "Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

*I am a poor wayfaring stranger,  
While journ'ying through this world of woe,  
Yet there's no sickness, toil, nor danger  
In that fair land to which I go.  
I'm going there to see my Mother,  
I'm going there, no more to roam;  
I'm only going over Jordan  
I'm only going over home.*

*I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,  
I know my way is rough and steep;  
Yet beauteous fields lie out before me,  
Where God's redeemed their vigils keep.  
I'm going there to see my Father,  
He said He'd meet me when I come.  
I'm only going over Jordan,  
I'm only going over home.*

*I want to wear a crown of glory  
When I get home to that good land,  
I want to shout Salvation's story  
In concert with the blood-washed Band.  
I'm going there to see my Savior,  
To sing His praise forevermore,  
I'm only going over Jordan,  
I'm only going over home.*

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

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 26:30-35

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

" I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>33</sup> Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

<sup>34</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

<sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

**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: The Mount of Olives*

## 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.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the calling, privilege, and importance of singing Your praises and celebrating Your goodness. That's why we say, "and from morn to set of sun—

**People: Through the church the song goes on!**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, to worship You through Jesus and in the Spirit is our greatest delight and most solemn obligation. That's why we believe, "and from morn to set of sun—

**People: Through the church the song goes on!**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, forgive us for dismissing worship so easily and taking it so lightly. Because it's You we meet with, may we come expectant and evermore grateful, so we are prepared to sing, "and from morn to set of sun—

**People: Through the church the song goes on!**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, continue to feed our minds with Your Word, fill our hearts with Your presence and empower our worship by Your Spirit. May we not be selfish consumers, looking to be pleased; but be true worshipers, longing to be consumed with Your glory and grace. Empower us to believe, "and from morn to set of sun—

**People: Through the church the song goes on!**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, through our corporate songs and praises, we pray that we will be humbled, gladdened, and transformed; and that the nations will be drawn to Your saving love.

**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 the Mount of Olives, 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

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vv.1-3)

- 1       **Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
          Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
          All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.**
  
- 2       **Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
          Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
          In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**
  
- 3       **Lo, the apostles' holy train  
          Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
          And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.**

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## POSTLUDE

“Fugue in D Minor” (from Sonata No. 6)

F. Mendelssohn

## Serving at Chapel

Preacher: Adam Rouse

Liturgist: Theodore Laesch

Organist: Ryan Meyer

Singers: 11:00 a.m. Lynda Christian  
6:30 p.m. Ellory Glenn

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