

# Places of the Passion

## The Courtyard

March 17, 2021

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

### PRELUDE

Meditation on: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure "

setting by Michael Burkhardt

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.*
  
- 2 *Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.*
  
- 3 *Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.*

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4           *They that drink shall live forever;  
              'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
              Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.*

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*(please stand)*

## **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 follow Jesus to the Courtyard.**

**Pastor:**           It belongs to the High Priest Caiaphas—but Peter is there and so are others.

**People:**           **Peter denies Jesus three times.**

**Pastor:**           Yet still there is mercy and forgiveness. God's grace is amazing.

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Gracious and most merciful Father—

**People: In the light of Your holiness I see myself as I really am.**

Pastor: And I am guilty.

**People: I confess that I have impure thoughts and unclean lips.**

Pastor: I often think too highly of myself and too little of others.

**People: I cling too tightly to the treasures of this world**

Pastor: that I cannot open my hands to receive blessings from You.

**People: My feet at times walk in the path of sin.**

Pastor: I wander astray and become a stranger to righteousness.

**People: Forgive me, and set me again on the path that leads to life.**

Pastor: Deal with me not as I deserve, but according to Your mercy.

**People: Not because I am worthy but because You are gracious. 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 the Courtyard, 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: Merciful and mighty Father, like Peter we can make great boasts, "Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You!" When we fail and fall, and get lost in guilt, restore to us the joy of our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 53:8-12

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. <sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

James 2:8-13

<sup>8</sup> If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. <sup>9</sup> But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

<sup>12</sup> Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, <sup>13</sup> because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:69-75

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

<sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

<sup>71</sup> Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

<sup>72</sup> He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

<sup>73</sup> After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away."

<sup>74</sup> Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed.

<sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

**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 Courtyard*

## HYMN

429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died (sung by all)

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died,  
Of Him who died upon the cross.  
The sinner's hope let all deride;  
For this we count the world but loss.
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see  
In shining letters, "God is love."  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
He brings us mercy from above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.

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## 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 Father, we stand in awe and wonder at Your abounding grace which You've lavished on us through Your Son, Jesus. That's why we celebrate, where sin abounds.

**People: Grace abounds all the more.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, in Peter's failure we see our own failure and sin. Too often we are spiritually dead—living in the reign of sin and death. But now, through Jesus, You make us alive and children of Your great affection and grace! We delight to say, where sin abounds,

**People: Grace abounds all the more.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, as lost as we get in guilt, so much more do You restore us in grace—amazing, life-changing, overflowing grace. Grace planned for Jesus to be arrested, tried, condemned, crucified, buried, and risen for us. That's why we are eternally grateful, because where sin abounds,

**People: Grace abounds all the more.**

Pastor: Indeed, gracious Father, this Gospel shows us how fervently "for us" You really are. You didn't spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will You not also, along with Jesus, graciously give us all things?

**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 high priest's courtyard, 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

575 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. (Refrain)

(Refrain) On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4           **When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! (Refrain)**

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## **POSTLUDE**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

setting by Ryan Meyer

## Serving at Chapel

Preacher: Ellory Glenn

Liturgist: Theodore Laesch

Organist: Ryan Meyer

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

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