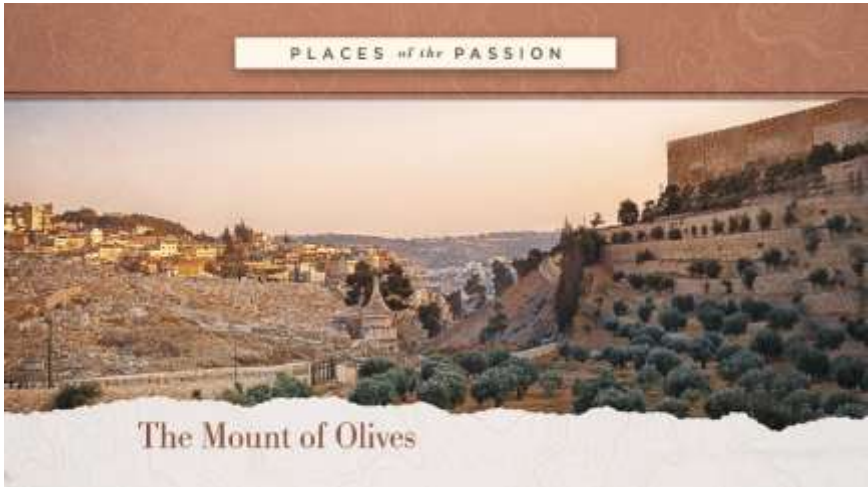


Places of the Passion

Lenten Service 2023



*And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the
Mount of Olives. Matthew 26:30*

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

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In this service, the place of the Passion is the Mount of Olives, where Jesus went with his disciples to pray. We are called to find places to pray this Lent and seek the will of the Lord in our lives.

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: “Christ, the Life of All the Living” ELW #339

Invocation and Call to Worship

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

C Amen.

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C To see the depths of his love.

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness!

C To gaze upon the heights of his grace.

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

C We walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives.

P He sang a hymn overflowing with hope.

C For though the sheep will be scattered—

P After Christ is raised he will go before them into Galilee.

C Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!

Hymn “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” vs 1 and 3 ELW #802

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father, trusting in his forgiveness and grace in Jesus Christ.

C Heavenly Father, hear us as we confess —

P That we fail to honor you in our worship and songs.

C Instead, we hide in our pride and prejudice.

P We find cover in the darkness of deceit and denial.

C We lurk in the shadows of pettiness and greed,

P Believing that there is finally no grace for us—

C Or anyone else.

P Our hearts and homes have become places filled with bitterness.

C Backbiting.

P And endless blame.

C We have no song to sing. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

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

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C I shall follow where you guide!

Hymn: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

ELW #618

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:1-2, 14-22

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: Matthew 26:30-35

Message

Hymn: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” vs 1 – 3 ELW #414

Apostles’ Creed

ELW p 105

Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P And from morn to set of sun –

C Through the church the song goes on.

The prayers are concluded with:

P Heavenly Father, through our corporate songs and praises, we pray that we will be humbled, gladdened and transformed.

C Jesus let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

ELW #686

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.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

Offering Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P 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.

C Let us ever walk with Jesus!

Hymn: “Now the Day Is Over”

ELW #570