



**“PLACES OF THE PASSION:  
MOUNT OF OLIVES”**  
*Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:00AM*  
*Worship Service*

**AS WE GATHER**

In this service for Week 2 of Lent, 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. The meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with the Mount of Olives help us to grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took that the way to heaven might be open to us.

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**OPENING SONG**

**“He is With Us”**

**V1-C-V2-C-B-Ending**

**Verse 1**

Remember when your hope is lost and faith is shaken  
Remember when you wonder if you're gonna make it  
There's a hand stretched out through your deepest doubt  
We can't pretend to see the ending or what's coming up ahead  
Don't know the story of tomorrow  
But we can stay close to the one who knows

**Chorus**

We can trust our God  
He knows what He's doing  
Though it might hurt now  
We won't be ruined  
It might seem there's an ocean in between  
But He's holding on to you and me  
And He's never gonna leave no  
He is with us He is with us always always  
He is with us He is with us always (always)

**Verse 2**

We believe there is purpose there is meaning in everything  
We surrender to his leading  
He wants nothing more than to have us close

**Bridge**

Our faith is sealed our hope is real  
Come what may we're not afraid  
(REPEAT)  
We're not afraid  
We can trust our God always always  
We can trust our God always always

**Ending**

He is with us He is with us always always  
He is with us He is with us always  
Our God is with us

*Stand*

## **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!

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Too often what we say and what we do are complete opposites. Though we say, "We will follow you Lord," we often follow the way of the world instead. Therefore, 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, Gabbatha 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!

*Sit*

**SONG of PRAISE**

**“Yes I Will”**

**V, C, V, C, Tag, B 4x, C, Tag 2x**

**Verse**

I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
You're working all things out

**Chorus**

Yes I will lift You high in the lowest valley  
Yes I will bless Your name  
Yes I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy  
All my days yes I will

**Bridge**

I choose to praise  
To glorify glorify  
The name of all names  
That nothing can stand against  
Tag  
For all my days yes I will

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, in the darkness of that night so long ago on the Mount of Olives, with your disciples you sang songs of hope. 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. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**2 Chronicles 20:1, 2, 14–22**

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from 2 Chronicles, chapter 20.

<sup>1</sup>After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle.

<sup>2</sup>Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar” (that is, Engedi).

<sup>14</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. <sup>15</sup>And he said, “Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you, ‘Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God’s. <sup>16</sup>Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup>You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you.”

<sup>18</sup>Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. <sup>19</sup>And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

<sup>20</sup>And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed." <sup>21</sup>And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say,

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

<sup>22</sup>And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING

**1 Thessalonians 5:16–24**

**P** The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5.

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 26:30–35**

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" <sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup>Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### CREED

**C** 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.

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**Places of the Passion: Mount of Olives**

**“The Way”**

**V1, C, V2, C, B1a, B1b, C, B1b, C**

**Verse 1**

Through every battle  
Through every heartbreak  
Through every circumstance  
I believe that You are my fortress  
Oh You are my portion  
You are my hiding place  
Oh I believe You are

**Chorus**

The Way the Truth the Life  
I believe You are  
The Way the Truth the Life  
I believe (You are)

**Verse 2**

Through every blessing  
Through every promise  
Through every breath I take  
I believe that You are provider  
You are protector  
You are the One I love  
I believe You are

**Bridge 1A**

It's a new horizon  
And I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today  
With mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long  
When I'm here with You

## **Bridge 1B**

It's a new horizon  
And I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today  
With mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long  
When I believe You are

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## **“Because He Lives (Amen)”**

**V1, C1, V2, C2, B, C2 2x, Ending**

### **Verse 1**

I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood

### **Chorus 1**

Amen amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives

### **Verse 2**

I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away

### **Chorus 2**

Amen amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends

### **Bridge**

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand

### **Ending**

Because He lives  
Because He lives

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*Stand*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** 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”—

**C** **Through the church the song goes on!**

**P** 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—

**C** **Through the church the song goes on!**

**P** 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”—

**C** **Through the church the song goes on!**

**P** 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”—

**C** **Through the church the song goes on!**

**P** 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.

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

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** **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**

**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!**

**Verse 1**

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe, we believe.  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe, we believe

**Chorus 1**

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
We believe

**Verse 2**

So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe, we believe

**Bridge**

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God, we'll say  
We believe, we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe, we believe

**Chorus 2**

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back  
He's coming back again  
He's coming back again  
We believe, we believe

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