



**“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.

Sit

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.

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

²Some 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).

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶Tomorrow 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. ¹⁷You 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.”

¹⁸Then 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. ¹⁹And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

²⁰And 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." ²¹And 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."

²²And 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.

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

²³Now 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. ²⁴He 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.

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then 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.'" ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter 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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