



The Mount of Olives

MIDWEEK—LENT 2

MARCH 8, 2023

**congregation stands*

THEME VERSE

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

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

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*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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, 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!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Chronicles 20:1, 2, 14–22

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, worshiping 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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

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.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 26:30–35

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.

SERMON HYMN

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

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SERMON

PLACES OF THE PASSION: THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

OFFERING

***THE PRAYERS**

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**

***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 TO DEPART

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

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Serving Our Lord

		Wed. March 8, 6:30pm	Wed. March 15, 6:30pm
Supper	5:15pm	Served by: Teachers	Served by: Scrappers
Musician	6:30pm	Marsha Workman	Marsha Workman
Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	Dave Workman
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder(s)	6:30pm	Sam Erdman	Open
Reader	6:30pm	Open	Open
Usher Team	6:30pm	Sam Erdman	Layne Streich
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Open
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas