



March 3, 2021

Mid Week Lenten Service

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

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Worship Service—7:00 p.m.

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Places of the Passion

Week 2: The Mount of Olives

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**ELW 802*

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,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus.
and with patience bear our cross
Joy will follow all our sadness.
where he is there is no loss,
Though today we sow no laughter;
we shall reap celestial joy
all discomforts that annoy,
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there your joy to know.

***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, 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**

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.

Old Testament Reading ... 2 Chronicles 20:1, 2, 14–22

Epistle Reading ... 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Gospel Reading ... Matthew 26:30–35

Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck

***HYMN.....Holy God, We Praise Your Name.....ELW 414**

1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

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**.....*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*.....*ELW 618*

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

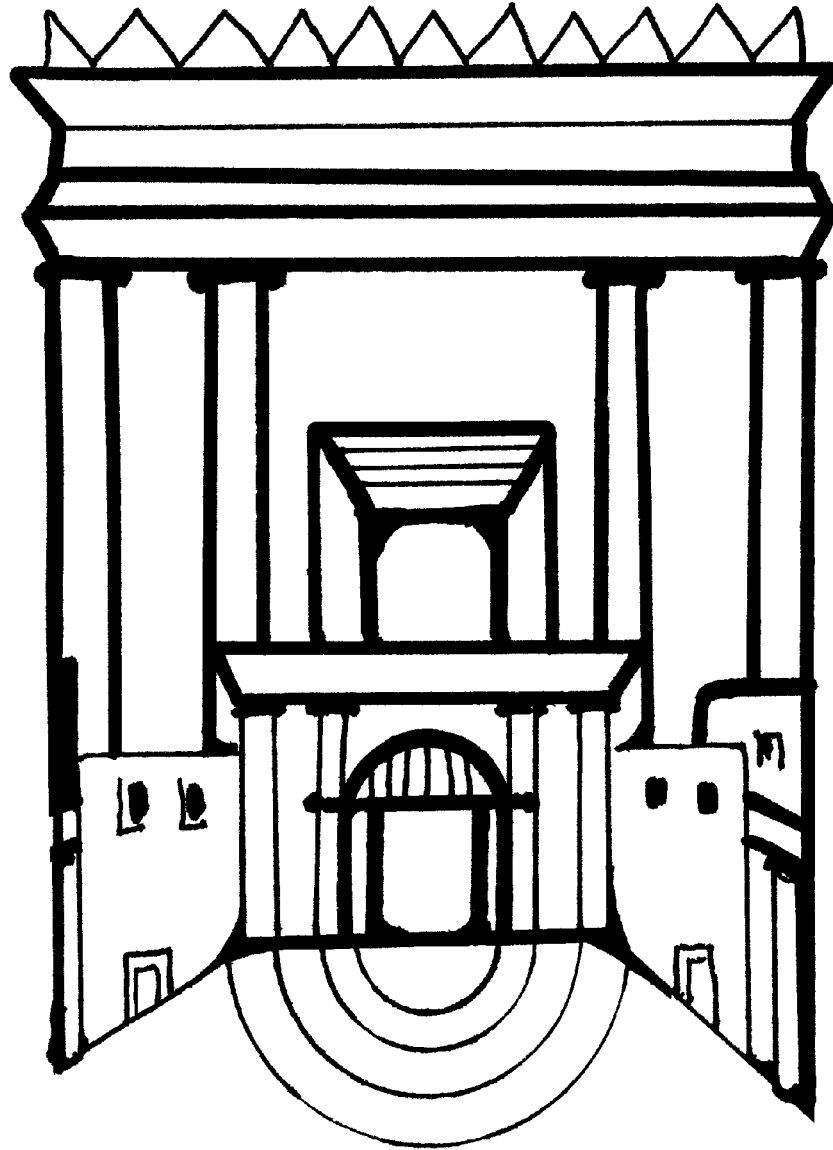
3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

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