

# PLACES *of the* PASSION

## Mount of Olives



*After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.  
-Matthew 26:30*

March 3, 2021

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

*Oh, Come, My Soul | CW 99*

*Verse 1-Men, 2-Women, 3-All*

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**C: To see the depths of his love.**

M: To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

**C: To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

M: To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

**C: We walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives.**

M: He sang a hymn overflowing with hope.

**C: For though the sheep will be scattered—**

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

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

♪ **Let us gladly die with Jesus, since by death he conquered death,**

**He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.**

**Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;**

**And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.**

**Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high. ♪**

## CONFESSION

M: 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 that we fail to honor you in our worship and songs.**

M: Instead, we hide in our pride and prejudice. We find cover in the darkness of deceit and denial.

**C: We lurk in the shadows of pettiness and greed, believing that there is finally no grace for us or anyone else.**

M: Our hearts and homes have become places filled with bitterness, backbiting, and endless blame. Because of these and all our sins, we have no song to sing.

**C: 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.)*

## **PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**M:** Hear the good news! Jesus gives us reason to rejoice and sing. Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. Because he walked the way of sacrifice, Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with us abide!

**C:** **We shall follow where you guide!**

## **READING**

*2 Chronicles 20:1-2,14-22*

## **SERMON TEXT**

*Matthew 26:30-35*

## **HYMN**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name | CW 278 (alternate text)  
Verse 1-All, 2-Women, 3-All*

**Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising,  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**Lo! The apostolic train join the sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the loud refrain, and the white robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.**

## **SERMON**

## **OFFERING**

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYERS**

**M:** 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!**

M: 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!**

M: 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!**

M: 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!**

M: 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: Hear our prayers and praises now and always. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

M: 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! Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | CW 331  
Verse 1-All, 2-Men, 3-All*



