

# PLACES *of the* PASSION

## The Garden of Gethsemane



*Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane.  
He told his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."  
- Matthew 26:36*

March 10, 2021

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

*In the Hour of Trial | CW 116*  
*Verse 1-All; 2-Men; 3-Women; 4-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 Garden of Gethsemane.**

M: Where he is betrayed by Judas.

**C: And arrested by the Jews.**

M: So that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.

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

♪ **Let us also live with Jesus, he has risen from the dead**  
**That to life we may awaken, Jesus, you are now our head.**  
**We are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be**  
**In your presence constantly, living there with you forever.**  
**Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. ♪**

## CONFESSION

M: Paul writes in Ephesians 2:17, “[Christ] also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.” Heavenly Father, this proclamation has reached our ears but we confess it has not settled into our hearts.

**C: We confess that we do not live in the light of Christ’s peace.**

M: We choose to put aside this peace and even, at times, actively contribute to the chaos of this world.

**C: We are more ready to worry than to trust; more ready to fret than have faith; more ready to blame than to believe.**

M: Forgive our hard hearts and make us more alive to the depths of your love. Remind us of what it cost to give up your Son to achieve this peace.

**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 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** *Ephesians 2:11-18*

**SERMON TEXT** *Matthew 26:47-56*

**HYMN** *Go to Dark Getsemane | CW 104*  
*Verse-All; 2-Men; 3-Women; 4-All*

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

*Please stand.*

**PRAYERS**

M: Heavenly Father, you haven't promised us an easy life. You don't offer quick fixes or shallow solutions. But you do promise perfect peace, in the midst of whatever happens. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Grant us your peace.**

M: Heavenly Father, when we feel like quitting, you are with us and for us. Thank you for being a Father who will never forget or abandon us in our trials. Thank you for working all things together for the good of those who love you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Grant us your peace.**

M: Heavenly Father, thank you for your perfect peace—a peace perfectly suited for the moment. Our calling is not to take control, but to mine the riches of the gospel and never lose sight of your wonderful love. You are the Rock that is higher than us, the Rock of refuge, the Rock of ages. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Grant us your peace.**

M: Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for your peace that surpasses all understanding. Anchor us in hope, strengthen us in grace, and fortify us with resolute courage.

**C: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. 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 Garden of Gethsemane, 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**

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me | CW 433  
Verse 1-Men; 2-Women; 3-All*

