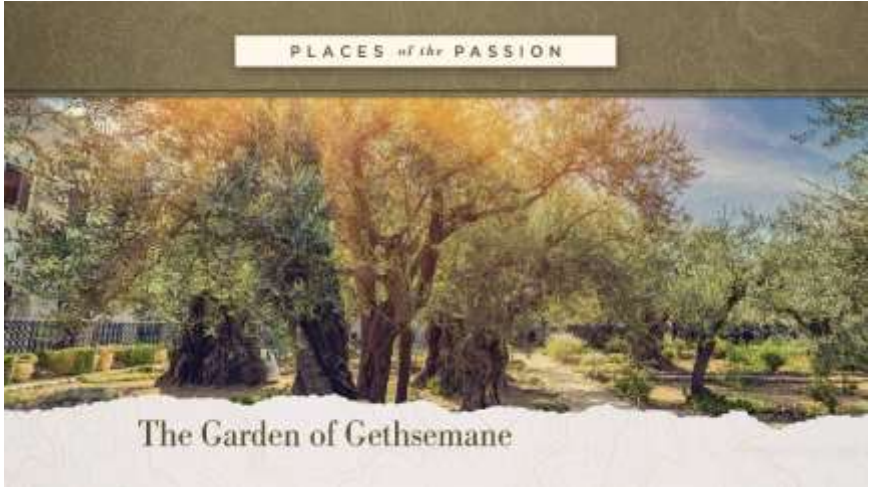


Places of the Passion

Lenten Service 2023



*Then Jesus went with them to a place called
Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,
“Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” Matthew 26:36*

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

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In this service, the place of the Passion is Gethsemane, where Jesus is betrayed and arrested in this garden under cover of darkness. We witness Jesus being taken away by soldiers, but we know that his journey toward the cross will take away our sins.

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” vs 1, 2, 4 ELW #349

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 Garden of Gethsemane.

P Where he is betrayed by Judas.

C And arrested by the Jews.

P So that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.

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

Hymn “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” vs 1 and 4 ELW #802

Confession and Forgiveness

P Paul writes in today’s second lesson, “Christ came proclaiming peace to those who are far off and those who are near.” (Ephesians 2:17) 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.

P We prefer being peace-fakers and peace-breakers.

C We are more ready to worry than to trust.

P More ready to fret than have faith.

C More ready to blame than to believe.

P Forgive our hard hearts.

C And make us more alive to the depths of your love.

P Show us what it cost to give up your Son.

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.)*

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane 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.

Hymn: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

ELW #767

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Isaiah 53:1-5

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-18

Gospel: Matthew 26:36-56

Message

Hymn: "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

ELW #347

Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Grant us your peace.

The prayers are concluded with:

P 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.

Offering

Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P 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!

Hymn: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

ELW #623