

# Places of the Passion

## Week 2: The Mount of Olives

### Order of Service

*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!**

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, pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.

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 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

Children's Sermon

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

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

Gospel Reading ... Matthew 26:30–35

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

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!**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow’rful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

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 of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.