

The Second Sunday in Lent
“It Happened at the Mount of Olives”
February 28, 2021
9:00 a.m.

PRELUDESCarla Barrows, Organ
“Lord of the Dance” arr. Jason W. KrugTrinity Bells
“The Gift of Love” arr. Jason W. Krug.Trinity Bells

WELCOMEPastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

INVOCATION

- 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- 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!

OPENING HYMN“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685, vs. 1, 3

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

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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Chronicles 20:1-2, 14-22

R The Old Testament Reading is from the 20th Chapter of 2nd Chronicles.

R After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar" (that is, Engedi).

And the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's. Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you."

Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, worshiping the Lord. And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe His prophets, and you will succeed." And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and praise Him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, "Give thanks to the Lord, for His steadfast love endures forever."

And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed. (ESV)

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

- R** The Epistle Reading is from the 5th Chapter of 1st Thessalonians.
- R** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. (ESV)

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE LSB 157

- C** **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

HOLY GOSPELMatthew 26:30-35

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th Chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- P** And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter answered Him, "Though they all fall away because of You, I will never fall away." Jesus

said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." Peter said to Him, "Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You!" And all the disciples said the same. (ESV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Haley Davisson, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

MESSAGE HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940, vs. 1-3

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.

SOLO: *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!*

ALL: Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

MESSAGE "It Happened at the Mount of Olives" Pastor Michael P. Dorn

OFFERING

(Offerings may be submitted online to www.trinitydt.org, by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 2:30.)

MUSICAL OFFERING “How Can I Keep from Singing” Soloist, Anna Diemer
by Robert Lowry, arr. Alan Bullard

*My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation;
I hear the clear though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul,
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest loudly roars,
I know my Savior liveth;
Although the darkness binds me close,
Deep in the night sweet songs He giveth.*

*His inner peace makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?
How can I keep from singing, singing, singing?*

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

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL BENEDICTION “A Clare Benediction” by John Rutter Soloist, Anna Diemer

*May the Lord show His mercy upon you;
May the light of His presence be your guide:
May He guard you and uphold you;
May His Spirit be ever by your side.*

*When you sleep may His angels watch over you;
When you wake, may He fill you with His grace:
May you love Him and serve Him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see His face.*

*May the Lord show His mercy upon you;
May the light of His presence be your guide:
May He guard you and uphold you;
May His Spirit be ever by your side.*

*When you sleep may His angels watch over you;
When you wake may He fill you with His grace:
May you love Him and serve Him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see His face,*

*Then in heaven may you see His face,
May you see His face.*

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!**

CLOSING HYMN. “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” LSB 918

ALL: Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow’ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

SOLO: *Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, 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.*

ALL: 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.

POSTLUDE. "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" by Donald Busarow. .Carla Barrows, Organ

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