

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

7:00 PM Service

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## 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!**

Opening Hymn

“We Will Glorify”

## We Will Glorify

Words and Music by  
Twila Paris

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VERSE

D G A D G A D

1. We will glo-ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo-ri - fy the Lamb; We will  
2. Lord Je - ho-vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be-fore His throne; We will  
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -

5 G A A/C# Bm D/F# G D/A A7 D

glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.  
wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.  
Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all — praise to Him we give.  
-lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.

### 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!**

### Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 20:1-2, 14-22

<sup>1</sup> After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. <sup>2</sup> 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). <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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." <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. <sup>20</sup> 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.”  
<sup>21</sup> 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.”<sup>22</sup> 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.

**Epistle Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 26:30-35

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> 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.’” <sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

**Children’s Message (optional)**

**Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** LSB #940

1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred

bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,

All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

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**Sermon** “XXX”

**Offering**

## Prayers of the People

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

### Blessing

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



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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