

# Midweek Lent 2

## March 1, 2023



# Jerusalem At Passover A Lenten Tour

## Second Stop Passover

### OPENING HYMN 433 GLORY BE TO JESUS



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt. Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804-76 Text and tune: Public domain

### OPENING DIALOG . read responsively

**Pastor** Grace and peace to you in the name of our Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit.

**People** Praise be to our God, who is gracious and merciful.

**Pastor** Seek the Lord while he may be found.

**People** Call on him in the day of trouble, and he will answer you.

**Pastor** Let the wicked be thwarted.

**People** Let the unrighteous turn from their ways.

**Pastor** Let them turn, O Lord, to you.

**People** For you are gracious and forgiving.

**Pastor** Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

**People** And he who has no money, come, buy and eat.

**Pastor** Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**People** Praise be to our generous and compassionate God.

### PSALM RESPONSORY ... Psalm 124

**Pastor** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—

**People** let Israel now say—

**Pastor** if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us,

**People** then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
**Pastor** when their anger was kindled against us;  
**People** then the flood would have swept us away,  
**Pastor** the torrent would have gone over us;  
**People** then over us would have gone the raging waters.  
**Pastor** Blessed be the Lord,  
**People** who has not given us as prey to their teeth!  
**Pastor** We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
**People** the snare is broken, and we have escaped!  
**Pastor** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People** who made heaven and earth.

**THEME HYMN ... TO THE TUNE OF "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"**

In the steps our Savior trod  
 Let us follow faithfully,  
 Where the sinless Son of God  
 Went to set us sinners free;  
 Mark each footstep in the strife  
 Of the Way, the Truth, the Life.

At the Supper of the Lord  
 Taste and see that God is good:  
 Body broken, blood outpoured,  
 Earthly feast of heav'nly food.  
 Life is ours! Death passes o'er  
 Where the Lamb's blood marks the door.

**PASSOVER**, which will be celebrated during the course of this tour, is essentially a family observance, conducted in the homes of the faithful. We have arranged to be in a location where it will be possible for us to observe this family festival in progress, and thus learn a good deal about the ancient history of these devout folk whose religion is very much tied up with their national history.

**HYMN O GOD OF JACOB (TUNE 524 HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS)**

O God of Jacob, by whose hand your people still are fed,  
 Who through this weary pilgrimage a wav'ring Israel led.

Our vows, our prayers, we now present before your throne of grace.  
 O God of Jacob, be the God of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life our wand'ring footsteps guide;  
 Give us this day our daily bread, and shelter fit provide.

Oh, grant us your protecting care till all our wand'rings cease,  
 That to those mansions kept for us we all may come in peace.

**SERMON** Passover Exodus 12:1-28

## OFFERING

### PRAYERS

**Pastor** Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People** Amen.

**Pastor** Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, You have forgiven all the sins of the penitent and rescued from the captivity of death all whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Grant that we may live not in weakness before temptation or in the pain of guilt but according to Your steadfast love and goodness may know Your comfort, consolation, and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People** Amen.

**Pastor** In Your mercy, O Lord, regard all those in any sickness, need, or sorrow, that they may be sustained in affliction, supported in need, and delivered according to Your mercy. Hear us especially on behalf of [*names*]. Give them patience, endurance, and hope, so that at length they may at last know the fullness of Your mercy and be brought with us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People** Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**Pastor** May the merciful God, who is faithful and provides the way of escape from temptation and sin, empower you to live according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

**People** Amen.

### CLOSING VERSE ... TO THE TUNE OF "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

*(a preview of next week)*

Follow to Gethsemane,  
There to know the Tempter's pow'r;  
You Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Hear the prayer of God's own Son:  
"Not my will, but thine be done!"

*Next week:*

**Third Stop The Mount of Olives**

**THE MOUNT OF OLIVES**, a short distance from Jerusalem, offers a spectacular nighttime view of the Holy City, and also gives us an opportunity to discuss the history of King David—one of the great shapers of both Israelite patriotism and worship—who camped on this site almost a thousand years ago. A visit to GETHSEMANE, one of the large olive-growing estates on the slope of the mountain, provides us a close-up look at a major industry in this part of the world.

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