

Midweek Lent 3

March 8, 2023



**JERUSALEM AT PASSOVER
A LENTEN TOUR**

THIRD STOP • THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

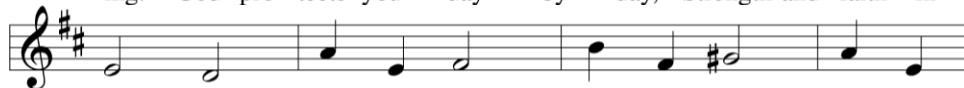
OPENING HYMN 663 “RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY”



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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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 121

Pastor I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
People **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
Pastor He will not let your foot be moved;

People he who keeps you will not slumber.
Pastor Behold, he who keeps Israel
People will neither slumber nor sleep.
Pastor The Lord is your keeper;
People the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
Pastor The sun shall not strike you by day,
People nor the moon by night.
Pastor The Lord will keep you from all evil;
People he will keep your life.
Pastor The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
People from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

Follow to Gethsemane,
There to know the Tempter's pow'r;
Your 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!"

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:36-39 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." (37) And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. (38) Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." (39) And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

HYMN LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY ARIGHT (SUNG TO THE TUNE: OH FOR A THOUSAND 528)

Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with rev'ence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight, we may, we must draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
And when to meet you we prepare, Lord, meet us on our way.

Give deep humility; the sense of godly sorrow give;
A strong desire, with confidence, to hear your voice and live;

Faith in the only sacrifice that can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ alone.

Give these, and then your will be done; thus strengthened with all might,
We, through your Spirit and your Son, shall pray, and pray aright.

HOMILY “The Mount of Olives” Matthew 26:36, Mark 14:32, Matthew 26:39

PRAYERS

Pastor Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul. Keep us faithful unto death so that we may receive the crown of everlasting life; 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 Merciful Father, deliver us from all unholy associations and keep us from surrendering Your truth to the will of the moment, so that we may be steadfast and immovable in Christ amid all temptations and distractions. Guard our hearts against trusting in ourselves and our own accomplishments that we be completely dependent upon Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

Pastor Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, deliver Your people from the afflictions of the flesh so that they might trust in You only and do the work of Your kingdom for the cause of Your glory. Hear us especially for [*names*]. Keep them in the grasp of Your grace and make us mindful of their plight so that we may support them in their hour of need; 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 The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

People Amen.

CLOSING VERSE TO THE TUNE OF “GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE”

(a preview of next week)

Join him in the courtyard there
Whom the Lord has named “the Rock”;
When denial brings despair,

Hear the crowing of the cock!
Jesus suffers yet within
To redeem the soul from sin.

Next week:

Fourth Stop • The Palace of the High Priest

THE PALACE OF THE HIGH PRIEST gives us another look at the religious life of the Judean people, especially as it relates to the practical matters of their everyday life. Here we will see the chambers where the SANHEDRIN, a Council of 70 religious Elders, meets to discuss and decide matters of practical religious import, using the ancient sacred Scriptures as their guide. Unfortunately, we will probably not get to see the Council in session, since nighttime meetings are highly irregular.

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