



*In anticipation of the cross Jesus took three of His disciples and retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. This Lent we will join Jesus in the Garden. We will look in all four Gospels to see His prayer, His teaching and His betrayal, as we prepare to celebrate His death and resurrection. In this season of solemn remembrance and repentance, we are going to slow down and spend five weeks with Jesus in the Garden.*

*The Spirit is Willing, But the Flesh Is Weak*

**March 11, 2026**

**10:30am and 6:30pm**

**Prelude**

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

#418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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**Invocation and Open Sentences** (Psalm 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

People: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents over disaster.

Pastor: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

People: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

People: He was bruised for our iniquities.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Abba, Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. In our weakness, we have fallen to the temptations of our flesh. Create in us a new heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Send us Your Holy Spirit, that Your Spirit may

take

root in us, so that we may bear fruit in accordant with righteousness, love, and purity.

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Pastor: Our Heavenly Father is a Father who delights in giving good gifts to His children. Hear one of His gifts for you today, given on account of Christ's death and resurrection: Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Reading

Mark 14:32-42

<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." <sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup> And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

# Hymn

## Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

#773



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed  
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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# Sermon

## **Prayers of the Church**

Pastor: O God, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke Your wrath but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slain, You agonized in the Garden as You anticipated the cross. Comfort those who are afflicted, whether in mind or body. Give Your peace to the anxious, assuring them that You have overcome the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful God, the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Grant that we, Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed and strengthened by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You Yourself showed us the importance of prayer as You prepared Yourself in the Garden for the cross. Mercifully incline Your ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to You, and grant that those things that we have faithfully asked according to Your will we may receive to meet our need and bring glory to You. Lord in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

People: Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **Benediction**

# Closing Hymn

# Go to Dark Gethsemane

#436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!  
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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## Depart In Silence

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