



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.

"Friend, Do What You Came to Do"

March 18, 2026

10:30am and 6:30pm

Prelude

SSLS 2nd Grade (10:30am)

God Is Always With Me

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

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1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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.

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 now confess our sins to our Lord and redeemer.

People: Dear Jesus, You know our hearts just as You knew

Judas' heart. We confess that we have sinned against You, even in ways that no one else can see.

Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to walk in the freedom of Your light and forgiveness.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, having seen everything that is on your heart and knowing every sin, gave Himself up so that you would be forgiven. And through His sacrifice and by His precious blood, your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reading

Matthew 26:47-56

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do."^[a] Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant^[b] of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will

perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

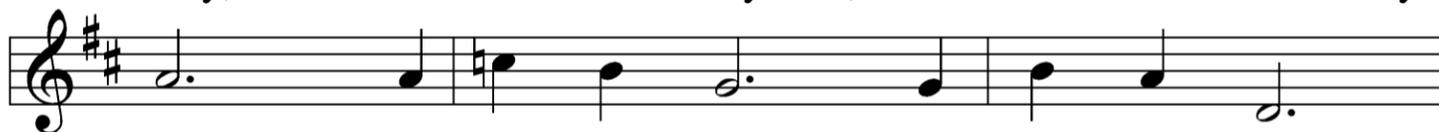
#430 sts. 1-5



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them-selves dis-please And 'gainst Him rise.
That He His foes From thence might free.

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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



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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