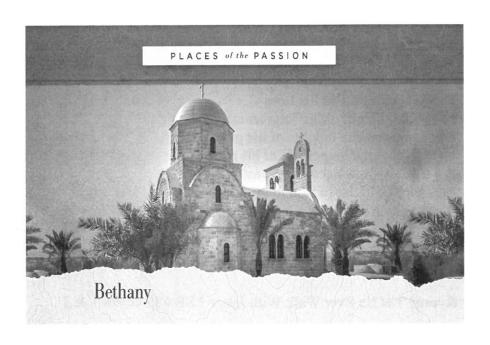
# Places of the Passion



Week 1:Bethany

Places of the Passion: Bethany

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment. Matthew 26:6-7

#### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### Amen.

Let us ever walk with Jesus.

To see the depths of his love.

To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

To gaze upon the heights of his grace.

To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

We walk with Jesus to Bethany.

And into the house of Simon the leper.

Mary prepares Christ for his burial by anointing him with perfume.

Faithful Lord, with me abide.

I shall follow where you guide!

Hymn: Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus LSB 685 verses 1 & 2

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where he is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there your joy to know.

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Our Gospel reading states that, "Mary came up to Jesus with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table." Forgive us, kind Father—

For too often, our giving is nothing like this.

Our sinful nature prefers another word—

Get.

Get even, get back and get revenge.

Get more, get ahead and get on top.

We are consumed with consuming.

Driven by selfish desires.

Passionate about more possessions.

We are too much like the disciples.

And too little like Mary.

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! (Parmeshur le kripa garun)

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, the Judgment Pavement and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

I shall follow where you guide!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, for through her generosity we catch a glimpse of your joyful and generous kingdom. By your Spirit's power enable us to live and give like her; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### PASSPORT PRESENTATION

GOSPEL READING ... Matthew 26:6-13 मित्ती 26:6-13 <sup>6</sup> Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup> And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? <sup>9</sup> For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." <sup>10</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

<sup>6</sup> येशू बेथानीमा हुनुहुन्थ्यो। उहाँ कुष्टरोगी शिमोनको घरमा हुनुहुन्थ्यो। <sup>7</sup> जितबेला येशू त्यहाँ हुनुहुन्थ्यो, एउटी आईमाई उहाँ कहाँ आइन्। उनीसँग बहुमूल्य अत्तर भिरएको एउटा सङ्गमर्मरको भुँडुल्को थियो। येशूले खाँदैगर्नु भएको बेला तिनले येशूको शिरमा त्यो सुगन्धित अत्तर खन्याइन्। <sup>8</sup> चेलाहरूले त्यो देखे र आईमाईसँग रिसाए। चेलाहरूले सोधे, "यो अत्तर किन नष्ट गरेको? <sup>9</sup> यसलाई धेरै दाममा बेचेर गरीबहरूलाई दिन सिकन्थ्यो।" <sup>10</sup> येशूले यी सब थाहा पाउनुभयो। येशूले भन्नुभयो, "तिमीहरूले यिनलाई किन दिक्दारी दिन्छौ? यिनले मेरो निम्ति असल कार्य गरेकी छिन्। <sup>11</sup> ती गरीब मानिसहरू सदा तिमीहरू साथ छन्। तर म

सधैँ तिमीहरूको साथ रहिरहने छैन। 12 यिनले मेरो शरीरभरि अत्तर छरिदिइन् यिनले मलाई म मरे पिछ मृत-संस्कारको निम्ति तयार पारेकी हुन्। 13 म तिमीहरूलाई साँच्चो भन्दछु। यो सुसमाचार सारा संसारमा प्रचार गरिनेछ। अनि प्रत्येक ठाउँमा यी स्त्रीले गरेको सु-कार्यहरूलाई पिन बताइन्छ। अनि मानिसहरूले यिनलाई सधैँ सम्झने छन।"

SERMON HYMN When I Survey the Wondrous Cross LSB 426

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

त्यो क्रूसमा जब हेर्दछु जसमा मारिनुभो येशू धनसम्पत्ति म तुच्छ ठान्छु, घमण्ड त्यागी नरम हुन्छ। tyo krus-maa jaba her-dachu jas-maa maari-nubho yeshu dhan-sampatti ma tucch Thaan-chu, ghamaND tyaagi naram hunchu.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

येशूले भोगे मृत्युदण्ड खाली यसमा गर्छु घमण्ड मलाई लोभ्याउने थोकहरू म उनको लागि त्याग्दछु। yeshu-le bhoge mrityu-daND khaali yesmaa garchu ghamaND ma-laai lobyaaune thok-haru ma unko laa-gi tyaag-dachu. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

लौ उनको शिर, हातपाउदेखि हेर दु:ख-प्रेम निसबग्यो। छ शिरमा काँडा बुनेको के अघि यस्तै मुकुट थियो ? la-u unko shir, haat-paau-dekhi her dukha-prem nisi-bagyo. cha shir-maa kaanDaa bu-neko ke aghi yes-tai mu-kuT th'yo?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

सब संसारमा भए त मेरो, त्यो पनि तुच्छ दान हुन्थ्यो लौ यत्रो प्रेमको योग्य दान, हो जीवन, आत्मा, जीउ र प्राण। sab san-saar-maa bhai ta mero, tyo pani tuc-cha daan hunthyo lau yetro prem-ko yo-gye daan, ho jivan, aat-maa, ji-u ra praaN.

## **SERMON**

OFFERING (Nepali Song) गहभरि आँशुको धारा gaha-bhari aanshu-ko dhaaraa

# **PRAYERS**

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. Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

To give without counting the cost.

To share without expecting anything in return.

To hold all of our treasures with open hands.

To have Gospel priorities and align our life, our love and our time in their light.

To know the freedom that comes with generosity.

To give like the Israelites who continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.

To give like the Macedonians who urgently pleaded for the privilege of sharing.

To give like Mary, joyfully, exceedingly and lavishly.

To give like Jesus, lovingly, faithfully and abundantly.

Father, we recall the words of our Savior, "I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her." And so we pray,

Take my love, my Lord, I pour.

At your feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be.

Ever, only, all for thee.

Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९–१३) हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ, तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्। तपाईंको राज्य आओस्, तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्। हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्। हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्, जसरी हामीले पिन आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं। हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्, तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्। किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंके हुन्। आमिन्।

#### BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

Amen.

परमप्रभुले तिमीहरूलाई आशीर्वाद दिऊन् र रक्षा गरून्। परमप्रभुको मुहार (मुखारबिन्द) तिमीहरूमाथि चम्काऊन्, अनि तिमीहरूमाथि अनुग्रह गरून्। परमप्रभुले तिमीहरू माथि दया दृष्टि राखुन्, अनि तिमीहरूमा शान्ति दिऊन्।

Jesus invites us to walk with him to Bethany, 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.

Let us ever walk with Jesus!

SONG Take My Life and Let It Be LSB 783

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise. लिनोस् प्रभु मेरो ज्यान, होस् तपाईंलाई बलिदान। लिनोस् हरेक दिन र क्षण सधैँ स्तुतिमा बितून्। linos prabhu mero jyaan, hos tapaaiň-laai balidaan, linos harek din ra chyeN sadhaiň stuti-maa bitun.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

लिनोस् मेरा हात, प्रभु, लाउनोस् काममा तपाईंको । लिनोस् मेरा पाउ, प्रभु, आफ्नो पथमा हिँड़ाउन । linos meraa haat, prabhu, laaunos kaam-maa tapaaiňko, linos meraa paau, prabhu, aafno path-maa hiňRaauna.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee,

लिनोस् मेरो स्वर, प्रभु, तपाईंको बढ़ाइ गर्छु । लिनोस् मेरा ओठ, प्रभु, होस् सुवचन भरेको । linos mero swor, prabhu, tapaaiňko baDhaai garchu, linos meraa oTh, prabhu, hos su-bacan bhareko. Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.

लिनोस् मेरो धन, प्रभु, सब तपाईंलाई बुझाउँछु। लिनोस् बुद्धि, ज्ञान, प्रभु, वशमा ल्याई तपाईंको। linos mero dhan, prabhu, sab tapaaiň-laai bujhaauň-chu, linos buddhi, gyaan, prabhu, bash-maa lyaa-i tapaaiň-ko.

Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

लिनोस् इच्छा, हे प्रभु, आफ्नैसित मिलाउनु । लिनोस् मन आफ्नै ठान्नोस् तपाईंको सिंहासन होस् । linos iccha, he prabhu, aafnai-sita milaaunu, linos man aafnai Thaannos tapaaiň-ko siňhaasan hos.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee. लिनोस् मेरो प्रेम, प्रभू, चरणमा म खन्याउँछ । लिनोस् तन-मन-धन. खीष्टकै लागि जिउनेछ । linos mero prem, prabhu, caraN-maa ma khanyaauň-chu, linos tan-man-dhan. khrisT-kai laagi jiunechu

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