

# Places of the Passion

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The High Priest's Courtyard

## Week 4: The Courtyard

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*Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it. Matthew 26:69-70*

**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 follow Christ to the courtyard.**

It belongs to the High Priest Caiaphas—  
but Peter is there and so are others.

**Peter denies Jesus three times.**

But all is not lost. After his collapse, God's grace is amazing.

**Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!**

**Hymn:** Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus LSB 685 verses 1 & 3

**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 gladly die with Jesus,  
Since by death he conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,**

**Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die,  
There to live with you on high.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Gracious and most merciful Father—

**In the light of your holiness I see myself as I really am.**  
And I am guilty.

**I confess that I have impure thoughts and unclean lips.**  
I think too highly of myself and too little of others.

**I cling too tightly to the treasures of this world.**  
That I cannot open my hands to receive blessings from you.

**My feet walk in the path of sin.**

I wander astray and become a stranger to righteousness.

**Forgive me, and set me again on the path that leads to life.**

Deal with me not as I deserve, but according to your mercy.

**Not because I am worthy but because you are gracious.**

**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**

Merciful and mighty Father, like Peter we can make great boasts, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" (Matthew 26:35) When we fail and fall, and get lost in guilt, restore to us the joy of our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PASSPORT PRESENTATION

**GOSPEL READING...** Matthew 26:69–75    मत्ती 26:69-75 (video)

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” <sup>71</sup> And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup> And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” <sup>74</sup> Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>69</sup> त्यसबेला, पत्रुस आँगन बाहिर बसिरहेका थिए। एउटी नोकर्नीले आएर भनी, “तिमी पनि गालील निवासी येशूसँग थियौ।” <sup>70</sup> तर पत्रुसले त्यहाँ उपस्थित भएका सबै मानिसहरूको अघाडी यो कुरालाई अस्वीकार गरे। उनले भने, “तिमीहरू के कुरा गरिरहेको छौ मैले केही बुझिन?” <sup>71</sup> त्यसपछि पत्रुसले त्यो ठाउँ छोडे। ढोकामा अर्को स्त्रीले तिनीलाई देखी। त्यसले त्यहाँ भएका मानिसहरूलाई भनि, “यो मानिस पनि नासरतको येशूसँग थियो।” <sup>72</sup> पत्रुसले फेरि अस्वीकार गरे। उनले भने, “परमेश्वरको नाउँमा शपथ खाएर भन्दछु यो मानिस को हो म चिन्दिन!” <sup>73</sup> केहीसमयपछि केही उभिरहेका मानिसहरू पत्रुसकहाँ गए र भने, “हामी जान्दछौ एक येशूको चेलाहरू मध्ये तिमी पनि हो। तिम्रो कुरा गराईले त्यो प्रमाण दिन्छ।” <sup>74</sup> तब पत्रुसले धिक्कार्न लागे। दृढ भएर उनले भने, “म परमेश्वरको नाउँमा शपथ खाएर भन्दछु कि यो मानिसको हो म चिन्दिनँ।” पत्रुसले यसो भन्ने बित्तिकै भाले बास्यो। <sup>75</sup> तब पत्रुसलाई येशूले भनेका कुराहरूको सम्झना भयो “भाले बास्र अघिनै मलाई तिमीले तीनपल्ट अस्वीकार गर्नेछौ।” त्यसपछि पत्रुस बाहिर गएर धुरूधुरू रोए।

**SONG** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less    LSB 575

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name**

**On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, is blood  
Support me in the raging flood  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in him be found  
Clothed in his righteousness alone  
Redeemed to stand before the throne.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

## **SERMON**

**OFFERING - (Nepali Song)**

## **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 Father, we stand in awe and wonder at your  
abounding grace which you've lavished on us through your Son, Jesus.  
That's why we celebrate, where sin abounds,

**Grace abounds all the more. अनुग्रह बढी छ Anugraha badhī cha**

Gracious Father, in Peter's failure we see our own failure and sin. Too  
often we are spiritually dead—living in the reign of sin and death. But  
now, through Jesus, you make us alive and children of your great  
affection and grace! We delight to say, where sin abounds,

**Grace abounds all the more. अनुग्रह बढी छ Anugraha badhī cha**

Gracious Father, as lost as we get in guilt, so much more do you restore us in grace—amazing, life-changing, overflowing grace. Grace planned for Jesus to be arrested, tried, condemned, crucified, buried and risen for us. That's why we are eternally grateful, because where sin abounds,

**Grace abounds all the more. अनुग्रह बढी छ Anugraha badhī cha**

Indeed, gracious Father, this Gospel shows us how fervently “for us” you really are. You didn't spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will you not also, along with Jesus, graciously give us all things?

**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 पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं। हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,

तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्। किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै 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 मुखार (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 the high priest's courtyard, 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** Go, My Children, with My Blessing LSB 922

**Go, my children, with my blessing,  
Never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are my own.**

**In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing—  
You are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you  
 And give you peace;  
 I the Lord will smile upon you  
 And give you peace;  
 I the Lord will be your Father,  
 Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
 Go, my children; I will keep you  
 And give you peace.**

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