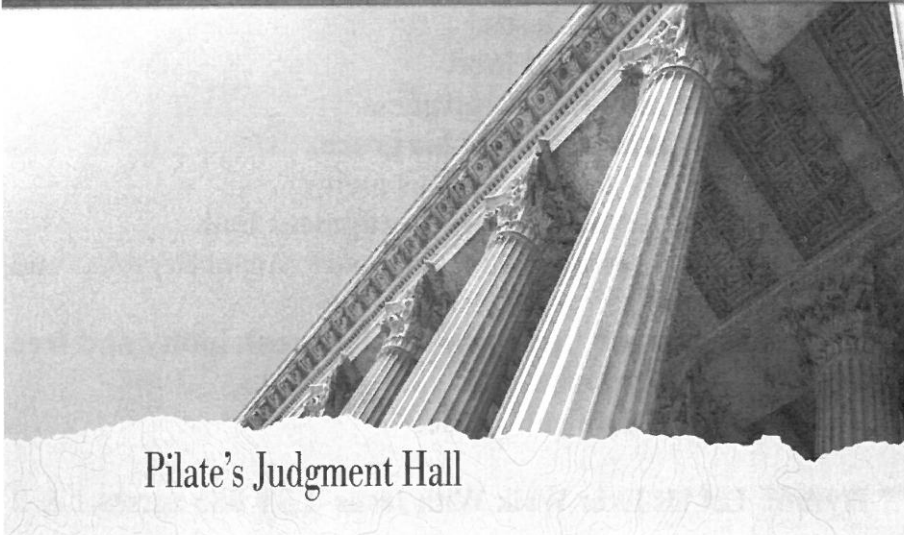


# Places of the Passion

PLACES *of the* PASSION



Pilate's Judgment Hall

## Week 5: Pilate's Judgment Hall

**Places of the Passion: Pilate's Judgement Hall**

*Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"*  
*Matthew 27:22*

**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 Pilate's judgment hall.**

To hear about Jewish leaders, a prisoner named Barabbas and even Pilate's wife.

**It all boils down to three words—innocent, guilty and free.**

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**

Forgiving Father, though I don't like to admit it, I am a sinner, much like Barabbas—

**A rebel and a wretch.**

Born dead in transgressions and sins.

**Lost and without hope.**

Doomed to perish.

**Blinded by the god of this age.**

My finest deeds are still soiled with sin.

**And all my righteous acts are like unclean rags.**

I am Barabbas.

**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, you set Israel free from the chains of Egyptian bondage and you set Barabbas free from Roman execution; so set us free from every prison that shackles and binds us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

### **PASSPORT PRESENTATION**

**GOSPEL READING** ... Matthew 27:11–23 मत्ती 27:11-23 (*video*)

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. <sup>15</sup> Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word

to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup> And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>11</sup> येशू बडा हाकिम पिलातसको अघाडि उभिनु भयो। पिलातसले उहाँलाई प्रश्न गरे। उनले सोधे, "के तिमी नै यहूदीहरूको राजा हौ?" येशूले जवाफ दिनुभयो, "हो, म हुँ।" <sup>12</sup> जब मुख्य पूजाहारीहरू र बढा यहूदी प्रधानहरूले येशू विरूद्ध अभियोग लगाए, उहाँले कुनै जवाफ दिनु भएन। <sup>13</sup> अनि पिलातसले येशूलाई भने, "तिमीले आफूमाथि लगाएका अभियोगहरू सुनेनौ। किन तिमीले तिनको जवाफ नदिएको?" <sup>14</sup> तर येशूले पिलातसलाई केही जवाफ दिन अस्वीकार गर्नुभयो। यसमा पिलातस चकित भए। <sup>15</sup> प्रत्येक वर्ष निस्तार चाडको समयमा बढा हाकिमद्वारा उसले चाहे अनुसार थुनामा परेका एकजना मानिसहरूलाई मुक्त गर्न सक्थ्यो। <sup>16</sup> त्यसबेला एकजना एकदमै दुष्ट मानिस कैदमा परेका थियो। त्यसको नाम बरब्बा थियो। <sup>17</sup> सबै मानिसहरू पिलातसकै घरमा भेला भएका थिए। पिलातसले मानिसहरूलाई भने, "तिमीहरूको लागि एकजना मानिसलाई मुक्त गरिनेछ। कुन मानिसलाई मैले मुक्त गरिदिएको चाहन्छौ बरब्बा कि ख्रीष्ट भनिने येशूलाई?" <sup>18</sup> पिलातस जान्दथे कि मानिसहरूले नै इर्ष्याको कारणले येशूलाई तिनीकहाँ सुम्पिएका हुन्। <sup>19</sup> पिलातस न्यायकर्ताको कुर्सीमा बसिरहेको बेला उनकी धर्मपत्नीले तिनलाई एउटा समाचार पठाइन्। समाचार यस्तो थियो: "त्यो निर्दोष मानिसको विरूद्धमा केही नगर्नुहोस्। तिनको बारेमा आज राती मैले सपना देखेकी छु। अनि त्यो समपनाले मलाई अत्यन्त विचलित तुल्याएको

छ।”<sup>20</sup> तर मुख्य पूजाहारीहरू र यहूदी अग्रजहरूले बरब्बालाई मुक्त गरिदिनुपर्छ र येशूलाई मार्नुपर्छ भनी मांग गर्न मानिसहरूलाई सुर्याए।<sup>21</sup> पिलातसले भने, “बरब्बा र येशू मध्ये तिमीहरूको लागि मैले कसलाई छोडिदिनु पर्ने?” मानिसहरूले जवाफ दिए, “बरब्बालाई मुक्त गरिदिनु होस्!”<sup>22</sup> पिलातसले सोधे, “त्यसो भए ख्रीष्ट भनिने येशूलाई चाहिँ? के गर्नुपर्ने?” सबै मानिसहरूले भने, “उसलाई क्रूसमा झुण्ड्याएर मार्नुपर्छ!”<sup>23</sup> पिलातसले सोधे, “किन उसले के गल्ती गरेको छ?” तब सबैले उच्च स्वरले कराएर भने, “उसलाई क्रूसमा झुण्ड्याएर मार्नुपर्छ।”

**SONG** My Song Is Love Unknown LSB 430, verses 1-3, & 5

**My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?**

**He came from his blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know:  
But oh, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend.**

Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King:  
Then “Crucify!”  
Is all their breath,  
And for his death  
They thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
To suffering goes,  
That he his foes  
From thence might free.

## **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. Dear Lord Jesus, you’ve freed us from the delusion of trying to earn and maintain a relationship with you; from the anxiety of wondering what you think about us; from the chains of condemnation and from fear of death.

That’s why we rejoice to say, “If the Son sets you free.”

**You will be free, indeed! तब तिमीहरू सत्यरूपमा स्वतन्त्र हुनेछौ।**

Dear Lord Jesus, only your mercy and grace can help us see, receive and trust our Gospel freedoms.

Send us your Word and Spirit so that we live by the truth, "If the Son sets you free."

**You will be free, indeed! तब तिमीहरू सत्यरूपमा स्वतन्त्र हुनेछौ।**

Dear Lord Jesus, free us from being arrogant, aggravated and annoyed with people. Turn our angry reactions into slower and kinder responses. Help us use fewer words and listen more. Send us your Word and Spirit so that we share this truth with the world, "If the Son sets you free."

**You will be free, indeed! तब तिमीहरू सत्यरूपमा स्वतन्त्र हुनेछौ।**

Dear Lord Jesus, unshackle the chains of our lingering doubts and insecurities. Empower us to throw off the grave-clothes of shame and feelings of failure. Heal our wounds and free us from bitterness. Send us your Word and Spirit so that we reflect this truth, "If the Son sets you free."

**You will be free, indeed! तब तिमीहरू सत्यरूपमा स्वतन्त्र हुनेछौ।**

Dear Lord Jesus, free us for larger hearts toward the lost, more mercy for doubters and lavish love for all people. May our spouses feel cherished and appreciated, our children secure and our loved ones treasured and valued.

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



## 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 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 Pilate's judgment hall, 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** Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed LSB 437

**Alas, and did my Savior bleed?  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut his glories in,  
When God, the mighty Maker, died  
For his own creatures' sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears.  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes to tears.**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'Tis all that I can do.**

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