

SECOND MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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The Hands of the Passion
Hands of Betrayal (Judas)

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OPENING HYMN

104 – Go to Dark Gethsemane



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 of Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

INVOCATION

M In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

M If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C **We lie and do not live by the truth.**

M If we claim to be without sin,

C **We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

C **Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of the Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

Silence for private confession.

M If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYER

M Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world.

Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PSALM

Sung by the choir

Psalm 14

Refrain

Come, all you pure in heart; come, and exalt God's holy name.

*The foolish heart denies the Lord, and mocks divine decree;
The harvest of its work is vain, its deeds bring misery. Refrain*

*From heav'n God looks upon the hearts to measure good and shame;
The wicked glory in themselves, while we exalt God's name. Refrain*

*They live their evil days as kings, their scorn brings them to dust;
And from our shackles God will forge a scepter for the just. Refrain*

PSALM PRAYER

P O Lord, spare us from the folly of wickedness and the pursuit of evil. Make us rejoice in your saving acts that we who have been redeemed by your Son may abound in works of faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

C Amen.

PASSION HISTORY READING

According to the Gospel of Mark (Evangelical Heritage Version™)

Mark 14:1-26



HYMN

In Hopelessness and Near Despair

Sung by the choir



1 In hope-less-ness and near de-spair, I cry to you,
2 I see my heart's con-di-tion now, my heart's di-verse
3 I trem-ble as I feel your hand, ex-pec-ting re-
4 For-giv-en, free of guilt and shame, grant me some time



my Sav-ior! My guilt is more than I can bear,
af-fec-tions. Why do I love the things you loathe?
tri-bu-tion, yet hear no curse or re-pri-mand,
to ren-der a gift to glo-ri-fy your name,



I have not earned your fa-vor. You know me as
I'm torn in two di-rec-tions: now prod-i-gal,
but grace and ab-so-lu-tion. With you there is
love to re-lect your splen-dor. This world must know



I real-ly am: how much is truth, how much is sham;
now Phar-i-see, O God, be mer-ci-ful to me;
for-give-ness, Lord; you speak the sweet, con-sol-ing word,
what I have learned, that you be-stow what none has earned:



why should you heed my plead-ing?
who else but you can help me.
and I am sure you love me!
the joy of full for-give-ness!

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✠ SERMON ✠

John 13:21-30

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PRAYER

M O God, merciful Father, you do not despise the sighing of a contrite heart or the desire of those who are sorrowful. Mercifully help us in all our troubles and adversities whenever they oppress us. Graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or humanity work against us, may be brought to nothing by your will and purpose, that we your servants, may be hurt by no persecutions, and may evermore give thanks to you in your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

EVENING HYMN

592 – All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr., alt.

- 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

- 2 Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die so that I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
Oh, may my soul on thee repose
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God when I awake.

- 3 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

BLESSING

- M** Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.
- C** Amen.



“The Hands of the Passion”

Sermon Series for Midweek Lent and Holy Week

The word “passion” seems an odd word to use when speaking about the path Jesus walked to the cross. We generally reserve the word passion to describe moments of strong or barely controllable emotion. But Jesus’ way to the cross, though emotional for us, was marked by his restraint, silence, and utter control over his emotions. Even so, the final period of Jesus’ life is traditionally referred to as his “passion”.

In this case, passion is used in its alternate or second use. It comes from the Latin verb *patior, passus sum* which means “to suffer, bear, or endure”. Jesus’ Passion, therefore, does not describe his emotional state, but tells us about the intense suffering Jesus’ endured during the days leading up to and including his death.

When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can’t help but think of their hands – the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can’t help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.

Join us as we walk the way to the cross and out of the empty tomb during the Wednesday evenings of Lent and throughout Holy Week under the theme “**The Hands of the Passion**”.

Midweek Lenten Worship

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| • Ash Wednesday (2/17) | Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector) | Luke 18:9-14 |
| • Midweek 2 (2/24) | Hands of Betrayal (Judas) | John 13:21-30 |
| • Midweek 3 (3/3) | Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter) | John 18:4-11 |
| • Midweek 4 (3/10) | Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas) | Mark 14:55-65 |
| • Midweek 5 (3/17) | Hands of Brutality (Soldiers) | Matthew 27:27-31 |
| • Midweek 6 (3/24) | Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate) | Matthew 27:15-26 |

Holy Week Worship

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| • Palm Sunday (3/28) | Hands of Praise (Disciples and Crowds) | Mark 11:1-11 |
| • Holy Thursday (4/1) | Hands of Humility (Jesus) | John 13:1-5,12-17 |
| • Good Friday (4/2) | Nail-Pierced Hands (Jesus) | Luke 23:32-34 |
| • Easter Sunday (4/4) | Life-Giving Hands (Jesus) | John 20:19-23 |