

SIXTH MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

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The Hands of the Passion
Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate)

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OPENING HYMN

125 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

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 119b

*All your commandments, Father almighty,
bring to your children healing and blessing;
Christians who keep them find here their comfort.*

*Daily instruct us as your disciples:
each of your statutes stands firm forever;
Faithful your promise, free your forgiveness.*

*God of all mercy, grant me your guidance;
How can the young ones keep their way holy?
I have found treasure in your instruction.*

*You come to nations knowing your judgments;
Keeping them brings us close to your kingdom
Laws that spell freedom, true liberation.*

PSALM PRAYER

M O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

PASSION READING

Mark 15:16-47

HYMN

Sung by the choir

My Song is Love Unknown

*My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, 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 such disdain! So few 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.*

*Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run; He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst him rise.*

✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 27:15-26

Pr. John Hering (Divine Peace Lutheran Church – Garland)

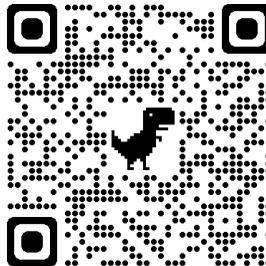
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Sermon notes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MUSICAL OFFERING

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PRAYER

M Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 PRAYER

593 – Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way;
2 Je - - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way
3 Let my near and dear ones be
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give;
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend,



Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
All that I've done wrong to - day.
Safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.
You once died that I might live.
You will love me to the end.



Ask - ing you to watch and keep
Make me ev - er more like you,
Oh, bring me and all I love
All your pre - cious gifts are free—
Let me love you more and more,



And to send me qui - et sleep.
Good and gen - tle, kind and true.
To your hap - py home a - bove.
Oh, how good you are to me!
Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: MUDE BIN ICH (77 77) *Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen*, Kaiserwerth, 1842, alt.

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.

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“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 |