



# The Hands of the Passion

**Midweek Lenten Service**

**March 17, 2021**

**Sermon Series: The Hands of the Passion**

***Tonight's Theme: Hands of Betrayal  
(Judas)***

**Welcome, guests!** God’s love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God’s authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

**Children’s “My Worship Notes”** are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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### **About this evening’s service**

The overall theme for the 2021 Lenten sermons is “The Hands of the Passion.” 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.

**Tonight's theme and sermon theme: *Hands of Betrayal (Judas)***

**Text: John 13:21-30**

## Prayer at the Close of Day

### Compline

“Prayer at the Close of Day” is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. The congregation gathers in silence. Pre-service music is omitted, and the lighting is subdued. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God’s forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

*Remain seated.*

**L** is for leader

**G** is for the group

**L** The Lord Al - mighty - y grant us a qui - et  
night and peace at the last. **G** A -  
- - men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the  
Lord, **G** to sing praise to your name, O Most High,  
**L** to her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** your  
truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber  
me when you come in - to your king - dom.

**G** Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -  
to your king - dom.

## EVENING HYMN

1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the  
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors  
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your  
world, we pray, Your grace and peace to us al - low  
of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep  
on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore  
And guard and keep your peo - ple now.  
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned in thought, word and deed  
by my fault,  
by my own fault,  
by my own grievous fault;  
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

Amen.

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and bring me to everlasting life.

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Amen.

O Lord, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash away our sins according to your unfailing love. Fix our eyes on our Savior's cross that we may find joy in the forgiveness he has won for all humanity. For his sake,

Amen.

*Silence for meditation*

## PSALM 130

Soloist introduces refrain. Congregation sings refrain. Soloist sings verses. Congregation repeats refrain.

*Refrain*

I wait for the Lord, my soul  
waits, and in his word I put my hope.

Out / of the depths

I cry to / you, O LORD;

O Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for / mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a rec- / ord of sins,

O Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is for- / givenness;

therefore / you are feared.

### **Refrain**

I wait for the LORD, my / soul waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

O Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

### **Refrain**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

### **Refrain**

God of might and compassion, open your ears to the prayers of your people who wait for you. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**L** In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. **G** In - to your

hands I com-mend my spir - it. **L** You have re-deemed me, O

Lord, God of truth. **G** In - to your hands I com-mend my  
spir - it. **L** Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son (✠)  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **G** In - to your  
hands I com - mend my spir - it.

## LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## READING

John 13:21-30

<sup>21</sup> After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me." <sup>22</sup> His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. <sup>23</sup> One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." <sup>25</sup> Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup> But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night .

# HYMN OF THE DAY

LENT

## 121 Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your

ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that  
nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -  
broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,  
wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your

I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.  
bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.  
sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load  
cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.

Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous  
Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be  
You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all  
Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter

heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning  
on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"  
thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,  
cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion

Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. composite.  
Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

DEVOTION

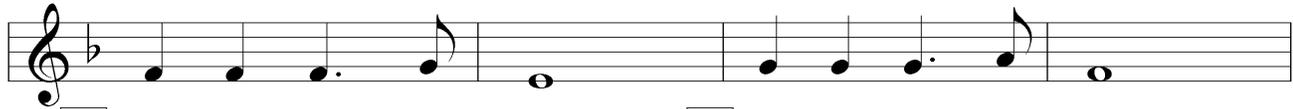
based on John 13:21-30

### *Hands of Betrayal*

## OFFERING

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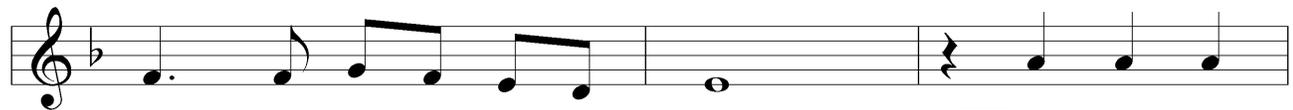
## PRAYER



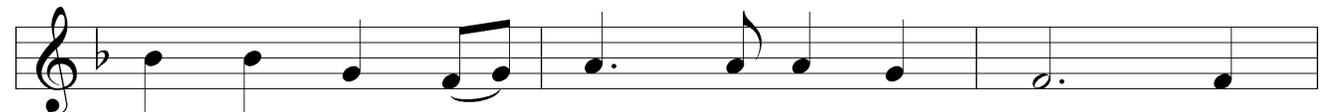
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord. **G** Lis-ten to my cry.



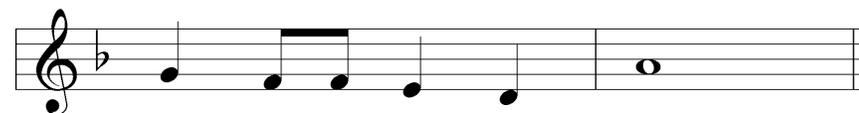
**L** Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. **G** Hide me



in the shad-ow of your wings. **L** In right-eous -



ness I shall see you. **G** When I a - wake, your



pres - ence will give me joy.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**G** A - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

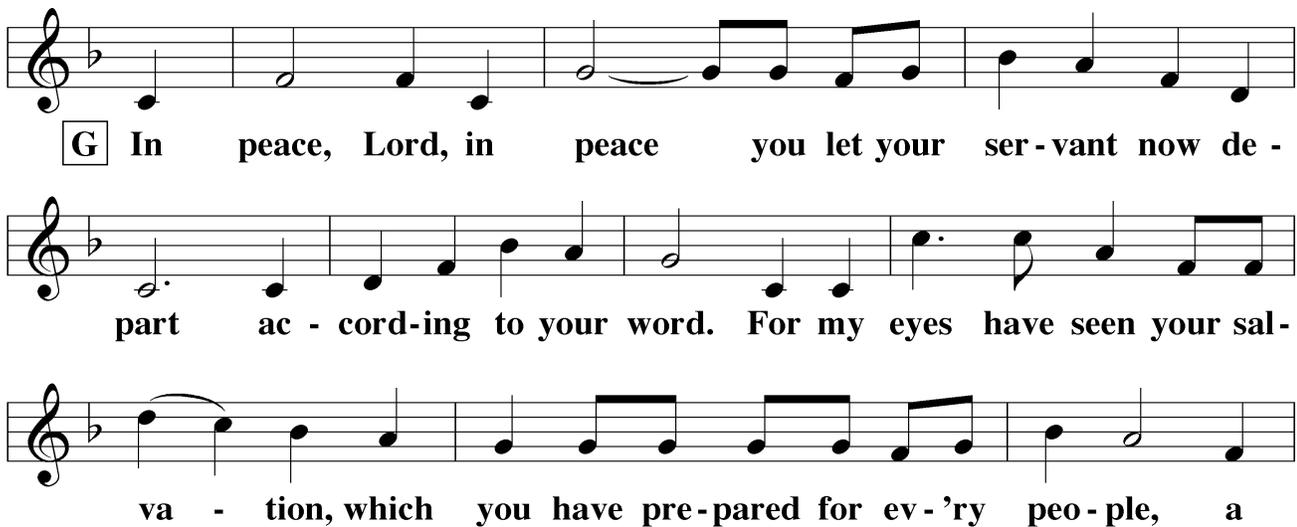
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours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

## GOSPEL CANTICLE



**L** Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, **G** And guard us sleep -  
ing; **L** That a - wake we may watch with Christ, **G** And a -  
sleep we may rest in peace.

## SONG OF SIMEON



**G** In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant now de -  
part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -  
va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a

light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple  
Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

**BLESSING**

The almighty and merciful Lord — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — bless us and keep us.  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow**  
*Christian Worship 587*

## 587

## Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
 2 The rule of day is o - ver And shin - ing  
 3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, Oh, spread your  
 4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber  
 jew - els cov - er The heav - en's bound - less  
 wings a - bove me And shield me from a -  
 night will sure - ly From per - il guard your



lies. But you, my heart, a - wak - en,  
 blue. Thus I shall shine in heav - en,  
 harm. Though Sa - tan would as - sail me,  
 heads. Sweet slum - bers may he send you



With prayer and song be tak - en;  
 Where crowns of gold are giv - en  
 Your mer - cy will not fail me;  
 And bid his hosts at - tend you



Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
 To all who faith - ful prove and true.  
 I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.  
 And through the night watch o'er your beds.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN (776 778) Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517, alt.

## Serving at Worship

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**Evening Compline** *New Service Settings*

**Psalm 130** *New Service Settings*

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### Save the Dates

Midweek Lenten Services—**Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm**

**March 24th—Hands of Self-Preservation (Pontius Pilate)**

### **Holy Week Services**

Passion Sunday, March 27th at 10:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7pm

Good Friday, April 2nd at 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th at 10:30am