



## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

WEDNESDAY

February 24, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Hands of Betrayal (Judas)

**The Ringing of the Bell**  
**The prelude**  
**The words concerning worship**

**Opening Hymn: TLH 279 "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"**

**Today Thy Mercy Calls Us To wash away our sin.**  
**However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,**  
**However long from from mercy Our hearts have turned away,**  
**Thy precious blood can cleanse us And make us white today.**

**Today Thy gate is open, And all who enter in**  
**Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.**  
**The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,**  
**A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.**

**Today our Father calls us, His Holy Spirit waits;**  
**His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.**  
**No question will be asked us How often we have come;**  
**Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.**

**O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,**  
**What should we do without Thee When heart and eye run o're?**  
**When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,**  
**We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer. Amen**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** 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.**

**P:** If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

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

**P:** If we claim to be without sin,

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

**All: 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.*

**P:** 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**

**All:** 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. Amen.

### **Psalm 14**

**P:** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

**C:** They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

**P:** The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,

**C:** To see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

**P:** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;

**C:** There is none who does good, not even one.

**P:** Have they no knowledge,

**C:** All the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

**P:** There they are in great terror,

**C:** For God is with the generation of the righteous.

**P:** You would shame the plans of the poor,

**C:** But the LORD is his refuge.

**P:** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**C:** When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen**

**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.

C: Amen.

**Passion Reading: Part 2**

**Response**

**All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
By his wounds we are healed.**

**Hymn: TLH 143 “O Dearest Jesus”**

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession –  
What dark transgression?

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee Gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which, Thou Lord must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The shepherd dies for sheep that love to wander;  
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,  
Who would not know Him.

O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,  
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!  
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying  
While Thou wert dying.

## **John 13:21-30**

**21** After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." **22** The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. **23** One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, **24** so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. **25** So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" **26** Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. **27** Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." **28** Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. **29** Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. **30** So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Sermon: The Hands of Betrayal      **John 13:21-30**

*(Offerings would normally be received at this time-The offering plates are at both entrances or can be received electronically or mailed in)*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers and Lord's Prayer**

#### **Evening Hymn of Prayer: TLH 558**

**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, through Thy dear Son, The ills that I this day have done,  
That with the World, myself, and Thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die that so I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day. Amen.**

#### **Benediction:**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.**

**C: Amen**

#### **Silent prayer**

#### **Announcements**

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