

St. John-St. James

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE #3

3:15 & 6:30 PM Services

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AS WE GATHER

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

My heavenly Father, I thank you through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, for graciously keeping me through this day. Forgive me all the sins that I have done against you, and graciously keep me through this night. I commend my body and soul and all things into your hands. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

(Luther's Evening Prayer)

WELCOME

HANDS OF THE PASSION—Hands of Hypocrisy

Opening Hymn:

Oh, Come, My Soul

Christian Worship, Hymn # 99

C Verse 1

♪ **Oh, come, my soul, your Savior see
Nailed to your cross on Calvary.
Your pains he bears; Your thorns he wears
That yours a crown of life might be.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Oh, sing, my soul, sing endlessly
The wondrous love that sets you free;
His dying breath Brings life from death,
Makes heav'n your home eternally.**

PLEASE STAND

OPENING PRAYER

M O Lord, open my lips.

C **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M Hasten to save me, O God.

C **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

selected Psalms

M The Old Testament tells us how King David hid his sin and did not confess it. In Psalm 32 David reflected upon his unconfessed sins in his prayer to God: *“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.’ And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found.”* (Psalm 32:3-6) Invited by God’s grace, let us also join the faithful to pray and confess our sins to the LORD:

C “In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God. Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress. But I trust in you, LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’ My times are in your hands. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.”
Amen. (Psalm 31:1,2,5,9,14-16)

LET OUR PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

Psalm 141

C Verse 1  **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
Hear my voice when I call to you.
Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

(Silent reflection and confession of personal sins while music plays softly.)

C reprise  **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

ABSOLUTION

M Indeed, the LORD is faithful. He hears and answers the prayers of his repentant people. In his unfailing love, God our heavenly Father, has given his one and only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce the grace of God to you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M We call on you, our God, for you will answer us. Show us the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you. Keep us as the apple of your eye and hide us in the shadow of your wings; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Psalm 17:6-8)

G **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Musical Offering

SJSJ Kindergarten

“His Mercy Is More”

Passion History

3. JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

Lesson Response:

M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

G **By his wounds we are healed.**

Hymn of the Day:

Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

Christian Worship, Hymn # 102

C Verse 1

♪ **Enslaved by sin and bound in chains,
Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,
And doomed to everlasting pains
We wretched, guilty captives lay.**

C Verse 3

♪ **Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,
An all-sufficient ransom paid.
O matchless price! His precious blood
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.**

C Verse 4

♪ **Jesus the sacrifice became
To rescue guilty souls from hell;
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb
Beneath avenging justice fell.**

C Verse 5

♪ **Amazing goodness! Love divine!
Oh, may our grateful hearts adore
The matchless grace nor yield to sin
Nor wear its cruel fetters more!**

Mark 14:55-65

“Hands of Hypocrisy” (*Caiaphas*)

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

⁶² “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. ⁶⁴ “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

PLEASE STAND

CLOSING PRAYER

M In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C **Thanks be to God.**

M In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord:

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

G 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.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn:

What Wondrous Love Is This

Christian Worship, Hymn # 120

G Verse 1

♪ **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3

♪ **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

C Verse 4

♪ **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

BE SEATED

GUEST PREACHER

Our sincere thanks to Pastor Fricke for leading us in worship and sharing God's Word with us this evening.

Next week we welcome Pastor Philip Janisch also from Trinity, Brillion preaching on John 18:4-11 with the theme:

"THE HANDS OF THE PASSION: Hands of Misguided Zeal"

Thanks also to organist for our services today—Mrs. Charmaine Wagner.