

# St. John-St. James

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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)

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## WELCOME

*HANDS OF THE PASSION—Hands of Misguided Zeal*

## **Opening Hymn:**

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Christian Worship, Hymn # 114

**Verse 1** 🎵 **Christ, the Life of all the living,  
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe—  
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** Verse 2 **♪** **Thou, ah, thou has taken on thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee,  
O thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

*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)

**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.

**C** **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)

**C** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

### ***Musical Offering***

SJSJ 3K and 4K

“O How He Loves You and Me”

### ***Passion History***

4. JESUS BEFORE PILATE

Lesson Response:

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

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


### ***Hymn of the Day:***


Go to Dark Gethsemane

Christian Worship, Hymn # 104

**C** Verse 1 **♪ Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** Verse 2  **Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned.  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss;  
Learn of him to bear the cross.**

**C** Verse 3  **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at his feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

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## MESSAGE

Pastor Philip Janisch

John 18:4-11      **"Hands of Misguided Zeal" (Peter)**

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

<sup>5</sup> "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

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*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:*

In the Hour of Trial

Christian Worship, Hymn # 116

**G** Verse 1

♫ **In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me  
Lest by base denial I unworthy be.  
When you see me waver, With a look recall,  
Nor for fear or favor Ever let me fall.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** Verse 2

♪ **With forbidden pleasures Should this vain world charm  
Or its tempting treasures Spread to work me harm,  
Bring to my remembrance Sad Gethsemane  
Or, in darker semblance, Cross-crowned Calvary.**

**C** Verse 3

♪ **Should your mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,  
Or should pain attend me On my path below,  
Grant that I may never Fail your cross to view;  
Grant that I may ever Cast my care on you.**

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## **GUEST PREACHER**

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

Next week we welcome Pastor Thomas Fricke also from Trinity, Brillion preaching on Matthew 27:15-26 with the theme:

**"THE HANDS OF THE PASSION: Hands of Self-Preservation"**

Thanks also to organist for our services today—Mrs. Kristen Hillmann.