

# St. John-St. James

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE #5

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 Self-Preservation*

### **Opening Hymn:**

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

Christian Worship, Hymn # 121

### **Verse 1** **Jesus, grant that balm and healing**

**In your holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning  
Keep me from its first beginning.**

*(Hymn continues on the next page.)*

**C** Verse 2 *♪* **Should some lust or sharp temptation  
Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Let me think about your passion,  
And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, “Christ for me was wounded,”  
That the tempter flee confounded.**

*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.

**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 grades 3-5

“Power of the Cross”

*Passion History*

5. JESUS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

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:***

**My Song Is Love Unknown**

Christian Worship, Hymn # 110

**C** Verse 1

♪ **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?**

**C** Verse 3

♪ **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.**

**C** Verse 4

♪ **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.**

**C** Verse 5

♪ **They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away.  
A murderer they save; The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he To suff'ring goes  
That he his foes From death might free.**

Matthew 27:15-26

**“Hands of Self-Preservation”** (*Pilate*)

<sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup> “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

<sup>22</sup> “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

<sup>23</sup> “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

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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.**

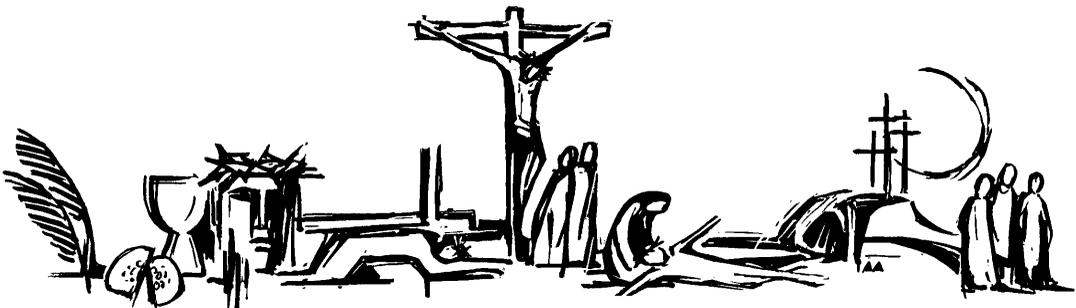
## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

**C** Amen.



# Closing Hymn:

# What Grace Is This!

Christian Worship Supplement, Hymn # 715



1 What grace is this! My Lord and  
2 What grace is this— That ve - ry  
3 What grace is this! Though Lord of  
4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -



King Has set his face to suf - fer -  
God Would stoop to lift a cross of  
all, He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's  
ies! With com - mon thieves he hangs and



ing. My God e - ter - nal dies to  
wood And walk a road of rock and  
law And lets the Ro - man ham - mers  
bleeds. The sin - less Son bears each mis -



bring E - ter - nal life to  
blood, A sin - ner's road, for  
draw A rush of blood for  
deed. He pays for all, for



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## **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 Ross Henzi also from Trinity, Brillion preaching on Matthew 27:27-31 with the theme:

**“THE HANDS OF THE PASSION: Hands of Brutality”**

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

## **SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:**

March 28— **PALM SUNDAY**                      8:00 & 10:15 AM

April 1—**MAUNDY THURSDAY**                6:30 PM

April 2—**GOOD FRIDAY**                      3:15 & 6:30 PM

April 4—**EASTER SUNRISE**                    6:00 & 7:30 AM

April 4—**EASTER FESTIVAL**                    9:00 & 10:15 AM