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Fourth Mid-Week Lenten Service
“Hands of the Passion”
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Prayer at the Close of the Day—Compline

“Prayer at the Close of the 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.

Before Service Prayer: (From Luther’s Small Catechism, Book of Concordia)

In the evening, when you go to bed, you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you choose, you may, in addition, say this little 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.

Then go to sleep promptly and cheerfully.

Pastor’s Welcome

(Pastor sings parts marked with [L], congregation sings [G])

L The Lord Al - might - 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.

**Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; You shall walk with God in light.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; He that drinks shall thirst no more.**

**He that drinks shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.**

Invocation

**L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
G: Who made heaven and earth.**

Confession of Sins

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

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

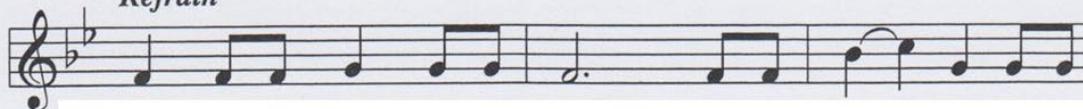
**G: We have sinned against You
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.**

**L: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in Him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in His peace until the rising of the sun
when we shall serve Him in newness of life.**

G: Amen.

Psalm of the Evening—Psalm 2

Refrain

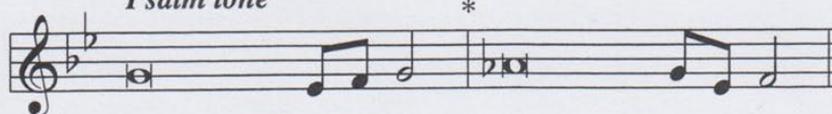


Great are the works of the Lord, He is wor—thy of all



Pr—ai—se! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Why do the nations [˙]conspire*
and the peoples [˙]plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together [˙]against the LORD*
and against his [˙]Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in [˙]heaven laughs;*
the Lord [˙]scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, [˙]saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my [˙]holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree [˙]of the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my [˙]Son;
today I have become your [˙]Father.”

**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. [˙]Ámen.**

Refrain

P: Lord God, You anointed Your Son to be King for the sake of Your Church. Help us, as members of His kingdom, to serve Him faithfully and to come to the full knowledge of His grace and glory, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C: Amen.

The Passion Reading-- Passion History Part 3 – Evangelical Heritage Version

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.

The Sermon Hymn: CW 115 “He Stood Before the Court”

**He stood before the court On trial instead of us;
He met its pow'r to hurt, Condemned to face the cross --
Our King, accused of treachery; Our God, abused for blasphemy!**

**These are the crimes that tell The tale of human guilt;
Our sins, our death, our hell -- On these the case is built.
To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays dumb. The guilt is ours, no answers come.**

**The sentence must be passed, The unknown Pris'ner killed;
The price is paid at last, The law of God fulfilled.
He takes our blame, and from that day Th' accuser's claim is wiped away.**

**Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is done;
We live, for He has died, Our condemnation gone.
In Christ are we both dead and raised, Alive and free -- His name be praised!**

The Sermon Text: Mark 14:55-65

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?"

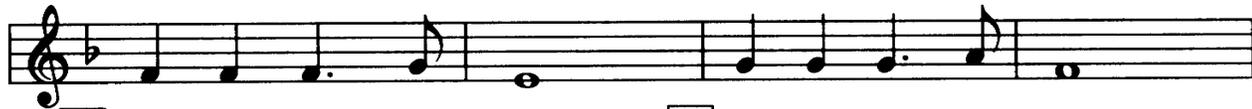
⁶² "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

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. (NIV 2011)

The Sermon Theme: "Hands of the Passion—Hands of Hypocrisy" (Caiaphas)

The Offering (*Place your offering in the plate located on the table in the entryway.*)



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.

The Prayer

Each petition ends with... "Through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Congregation Responds with "Amen."

The 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.



[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.

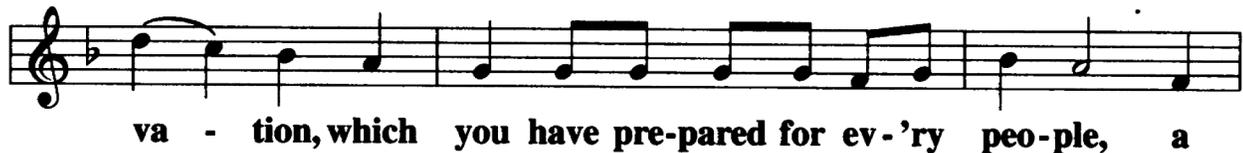
Song of Simeon



[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.

The Blessing

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

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 592 “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

**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, for Thy dear Son The ill 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 so that I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
Oh, may my soul on Thee repose And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake.**

**When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Announcements

Thank you to Pastor David Carlovsky who served as our guest preacher this evening. Pastor Carlovsky is the pastor of Lord and Savior Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, IL.

Next Wednesday, Pastor Thomas Schultz from Christ the King in Palatine will serve as our guest preacher. Next Wednesday's theme is “Hands of Brutality.”

After the service the Branch Connection will have its monthly meeting.

After this evening's service project, 40 gift bags have been made for the residents of Auberge, the memory care facility located next to church. Those bags will now be delivered, since there are currently 40 residents at Auberge.

Next Wednesday, the service project prior to the service will consist of putting together Holy Week activity bags for the preschool children.

