



**The  
Hands  
of the  
Passion**

**Bethel and Grace Lutheran Churches**

*2021 Lenten Worship*

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

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

**C** **Amen.**

**M** 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.**

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

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

**M** If we claim to be without sin,

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

**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.*

**M** If we confess our sins, God 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

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.

**C** **Amen.**

### LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU



The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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### PRAYER

Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**PSALM**

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*Refrain*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*

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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. Amen.**

***Refrain***

## PSALM PRAYER

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.**

## PASSION READING

Part 1 | Mark 14:1-26

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the experts in the law were looking for some deceptive way to arrest Jesus and kill him. <sup>2</sup>“Certainly not during the Festival,” they said, “or there will be a riot among the people.”

<sup>3</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made from pure nard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>But there were some who were indignant and said to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? <sup>5</sup>Certainly this perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor!” And they began to scold her.

<sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. <sup>7</sup>In fact, you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you are not always going to have me. <sup>8</sup>She did what she could. She anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>Amen I tell you: Wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman did will also be told in memory of her.”

<sup>10</sup>Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup>When they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

<sup>16</sup>His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

<sup>18</sup>While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

<sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

<sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. <sup>21</sup>Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take it. This is my body."

<sup>23</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

**A 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

*He Stood before the Court* | 115

1 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!

2 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.

3 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.

4 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!

## SERMON



C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-



joic-es in God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor



on his low-ly ser-vant. From this day all gen-er-a-tions



will call me bless-ed. The Al-might-y has done great



things for me, and ho-ly is his name. He has mer-cy on



those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the  
proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y  
from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.  
He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich  
he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the  
help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his  
prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,  
to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

**OFFERING** *(Please make use of the offering plate in the entry or online options.)*

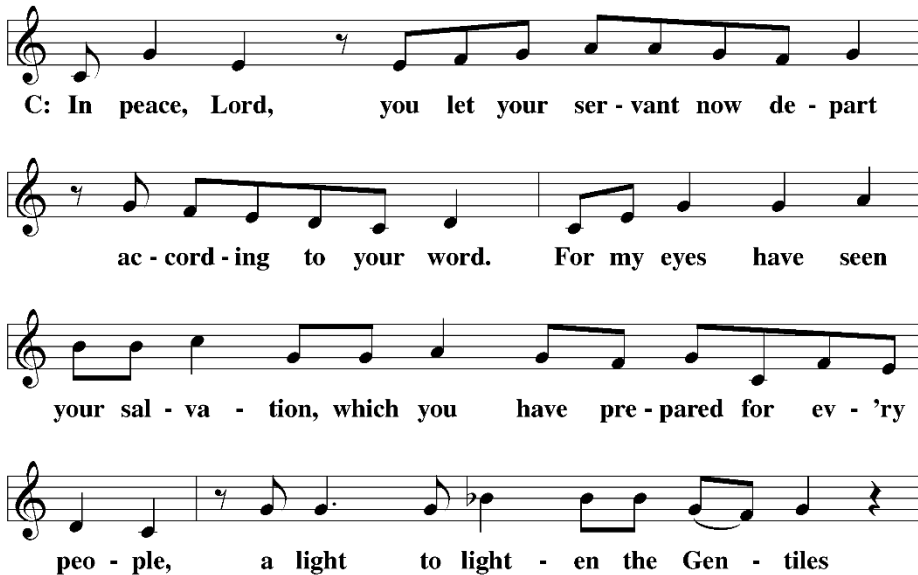


## PRAYER

### 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.

### SONG OF SIMEON



C: In peace, Lord, 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



## Lenten Schedule for 2021

Week 1 – Pastor Beckmann – Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)

Week 2 – Pastor Stellick – Hands of Brutality (Soldiers)

Week 3 – Pastor Dauck – Hands of Betrayal (Judas)

Week 4 – Pastor Berger – Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter)

Week 5 – Pastor Kemnitz – Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate)

Week 6 – Pastor Kahrs - Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector)

## Sunday Lenten Series: The Struggle

Lent 1 – Psalm 3 The Struggle against the Enemy

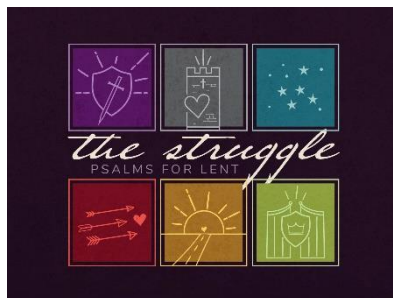
Lent 2 – Psalm 73 The Struggle seems Unfair.

Lent 3 – Psalm 19 – The Struggle. Empowered by God’s Word

Lent 4 - Psalm 38 - The Struggle with Guilt

Lent 5 – Psalm 143 – The Struggle is Relentless.

Lent 6 – Psalm 24 – The Return of the King.



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Pastor Justin Dauck from St. Paul's Plymouth, also serving Christ in Beatrice

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Pastor Timothy Kemnitz from Mt. Olive in Lincoln

Pastor Steven Kahrs from Zion Clatonia and St. John Cortland, also serving as Circuit Pastor

