

Midweek Lent 2
February 24, 2021



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**



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Order of Service - Evening Prayer (Vespers)

WELCOME

Hymn 98 v. 1-2, 4-5

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

**Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

**Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound you,
How for them you died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned you.**

**If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By your holy passion.
If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion!**

**Grant that I your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to you By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?**

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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.

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU (*Psalm 41*)



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,



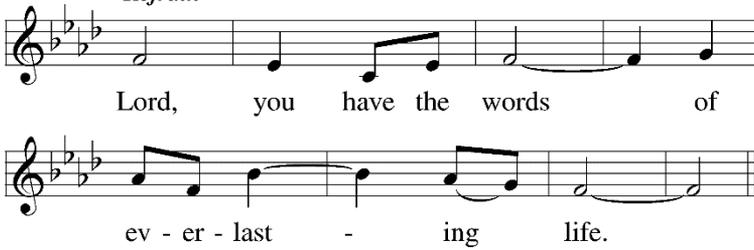
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

M: 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 119b

Refrain



P: Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;

C: then I will keep them to the end.

P: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law

C: and obey it with all my heart.

P: Direct me in the path of your commands,

C: for there I find delight.

Refrain

P: Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

C: preserve my life according to your Word.

P: Fulfill your promise to your servant,

C: so that you may be feared.

P: How I long for your precepts!

C: Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**All: 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

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PSALM PRAYER (spoken together)

O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, may love you with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Passion History – Mark 14:1-26

¹It 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. ²“Certainly not during the Festival,” they said, “or there will be a riot among the people.”

³While 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. ⁴But there were some who were indignant and said to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵Certainly this perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor!” And they began to scold her.

⁶But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. ⁷In 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. ⁸She did what she could. She anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹Amen I tell you: Wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman did will also be told in memory of her.”

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

¹²On 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?” ¹³He 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. ¹⁴Wherever 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?’ ¹⁵He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

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

¹⁷When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

¹⁸While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, “Surely not I?”

²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. ²¹Indeed, 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.”

²²While 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.”

²³Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, “This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink

again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God.”²⁶After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Sermon Hymn – 114 v.1-3, 7

Christ, the Life of All the Living

**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.**

**Thou, ah, thou hast 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.**

**Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
For thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.**

Sermon Text:

Matthew 27:15-26

¹⁵ At the time of the Festival the governor had a custom to release to the crowd any one prisoner they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you? Barabbas—or Jesus, who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For Pilate knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because of envy.

¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, Pilate's wife sent him a message. "Have nothing to do with that righteous man," she said, "since I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him." ²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. ²¹ The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"
"Barabbas!" they said.

²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?"

They all said to him, "Crucify him!"

²³ But the governor said, "Why? What has he done wrong?"
But they kept shouting even louder: "Crucify him!"

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that instead it was turning into a riot, he took water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, "I am innocent of this righteous man's blood. It is your responsibility."

²⁵ And all the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them, but he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.

Sermon Theme:

Hands of Self-Preservation

Hymn Response - 752 v.1-2,4

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.**

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Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

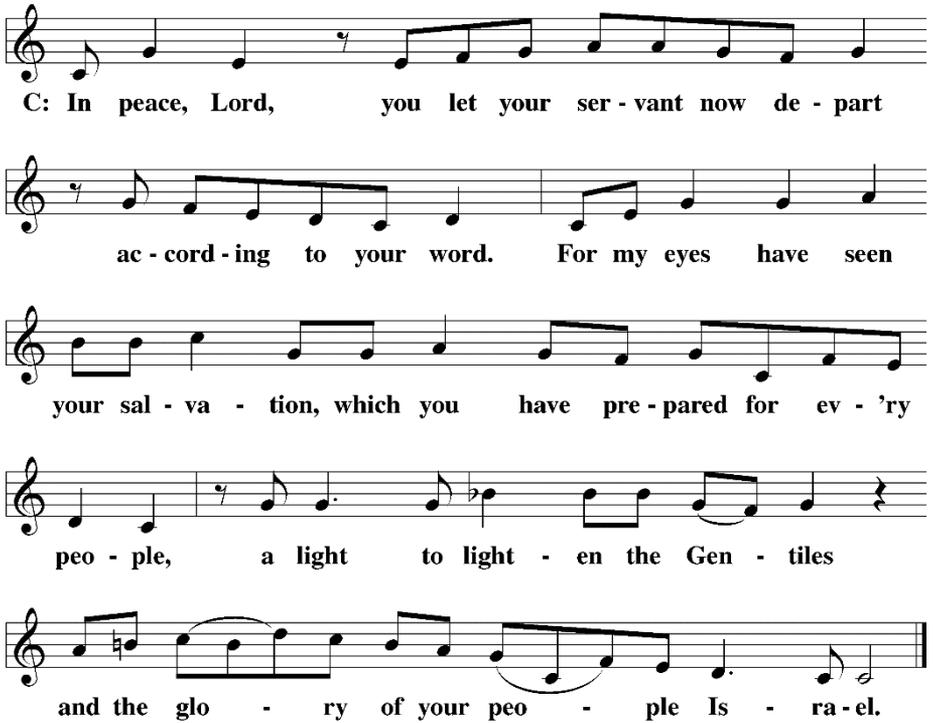
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

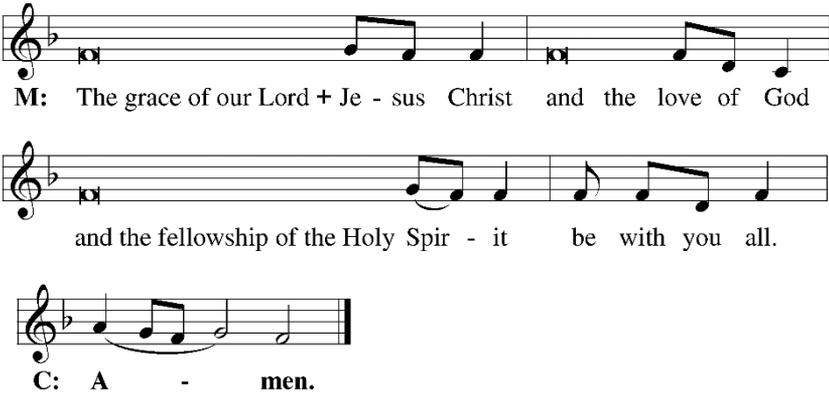
C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*



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
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C: A - men.

Closing Hymn – 454

I Gave My Life for Thee

**I gave my life for thee; My precious blood I shed
That thou might'st ransomed be
And quickened from the dead.
I gave my life for thee; Come, give thyself to me!**

**My Father's home of light, My rainbow-circled throne,
I left for earthly night, For wand'rings sad and lone.
I left it all for thee; Come now and follow me!**

**I spent long years for thee In weariness and woe
That an eternity Of joy thou mightest know.
I spent long years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.**

**I suffered much for thee, More than my tongue may tell,
Of bitt' rest agony, To rescue thee from hell.
I suffered much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.**

**And I have brought to thee Down from my home above
Salvation full and free, My pardon and my love.
Great gifts I brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.**

**Oh, let thy life be spent, Thy years for me be giv'n,
As I for thee was sent To bear thee home to heav'n.
I gave my life for thee; Come, give thy life to me.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.

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Preacher – Pastor Mark Aufdemberge (Jordan)

Organists – Jean Kaldunski (3:30) / Nancy Perez (6:30)

Preaching March 3 – Pastor Tim Wempner (Good Shepherd's)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEASONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: There are many opportunities to worship in addition to regular Sunday services as we prepare to celebrate the death and triumphant resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Midweek Lent @ 3:30pm & 6:30pm on March 3, 10, 17, & 24

Maundy Thursday w/Communion on April 1 @ 3:30 & 6:30pm

Good Friday w/Communion on April 2 @ 1:00pm & 6:30pm

Tenebrae (Service of Shadows) on April 3 @ 5:00pm

Easter Worship on Sunday, April 4 @ 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am

No Monday Service April 5.

MERGE FOR MINISTRY STRAW POLL: Woodlawn will have another Open Forum to discuss merging with area congregations on Sunday, February 28th at 11:45am. After the Forum, all communicant members and adult non-member attenders of our services will have the opportunity to fill out a straw poll either online or on paper to let us know your opinions and thoughts on the merger. The focus of the poll is the following statement: "After prayerful consideration of what would be best for God's kingdom and our mission from Christ to go and make disciples... (multiple choice options will be given.)

We ask that your participation in the poll would be completed by Monday, March 8th, so that Woodlawn's Church Council can discuss at our March meeting on Tuesday, March 9th. Please consider all the data and proposals that have been presented, ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and a God pleasing perspective on the ministry of our churches in this area. Recognize your important function in the body of Christ, both in our ministry currently and in whatever future plans may be made.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all...But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-13)

