



# The Hands of the Passion



**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
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Hands of Betrayal

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**Bells**

**Opening Hymn**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane* | **Hymn 104**

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.

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 suffering, pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

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.

Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid his breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

**Invocation**

**(Pastor/Congregation)**

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.**

**C: 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, he 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

M: 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.**

### Psalm 32

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, **whose sins are covered**. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him **and in whose spirit is no deceit**. When I kept silent, **my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long**. For day and night your hand was heavy upon 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 everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; **surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him**. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble **and surround me with songs of deliverance**. Many are the woes of the wicked, **but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him**. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; **sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

### Hymn

*Lord, to You I Make Confession* | Hymn 302 v 4

Lord, on you I cast my burden Sink it in the depths below!  
Let me know your gracious pardon;  
Wash me, make me white as snow.  
Let your Spirit leave me never; Make me only yours forever.

### Psalm Prayer

M: Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you. But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin. Surround us with your unfailing love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### The Passion History

### In Gethsemane

Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will disown me three times.” But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus replied, “Judas, are you

betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Friend, do what you came for.” When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” And Peter struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus). But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him. “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?” Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” “I told you that I am he,” Jesus answered. “If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.” The men seized Jesus and arrested him. “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. A young man wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

### Response

M: 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

*Beautiful Savior* | Hymn 369

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love thee, Truly I’d serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be thine!

### Sermon Text

**John 13:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant. <sup>23</sup>One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side. <sup>24</sup>So Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one he was talking about. <sup>25</sup>So leaning back against Jesus’ side, he asked, “Lord, who is it?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus replied, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish.” Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do more quickly.” <sup>28</sup>None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. <sup>29</sup>Because Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the Festival,” or to give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup>As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

### “Hands of Betrayal”

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### Presenting of Our Offering

### Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

### Evening Prayer

M: All praise to you, our God, this night for all the blessings of the light. Keep us, yes, keep us, King of kings beneath your own almighty wings. Forgive us, Lord, through your dear Son for sins that we this day have done, that as we sleep, peace we would hold with all, with you, within our souls.

C: **Amen.**

### Blessing

M: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, will be with us in truth and love.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*Before the Ending of the Day* | **Hymn 595**

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray.  
Your grace and peace to us allow And guard and keep your people now.

From evil dreams defend our sight, From all the terrors of the night,  
From all deluding thoughts that creep On heedless minds disarmed by sleep.

O Father, this we ask be done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forever more. Amen.

