

March 10, 2021

4th Wednesday Worship

6:30 PM



Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)

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The Good News of *Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.****

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *He Stood before the Court*..... CW # 115

1 He stood be - fore the court On trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell The tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, The un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is

us; He met its pow'r to hurt, Con - demned to
guilt; Our sins, our death, our hell — On these the
killed; The price is paid at last, The law of
done; We live, for he has died, Our con - dem-

face the cross — Our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and

y; Our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours; no an - swers come.
day Th' ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, A - live and free — his name be praised!

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Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: 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.

L: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

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

L: If we claim to be without sin,

C: We deceive our selves and the truth in not in us.

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

All: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

L: 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 while we travel through the darkness of this world. Come to us and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Passion History

Mark 14: 43–54

L: ⁴³ Just as Jesus was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them:

C: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

L: ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him.

⁴⁷ Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?”

⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”

⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled. ⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

All: God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Psalm 2

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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 *con*spire*
and the peoples *pl*ot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together *ag*ainst the LORD*
and against his *An*ointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in *he*aven laughs;*
the Lord *sc*offs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, *sa*ying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my *ho*ly hill.”

I will proclaim the decree *o*f the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have become your *F*ather.”

**Glory be to the Father and *to* the Son*
and to the Holy *S*pirit,
as it was in the *be*ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. *A*men.**

Refrain

Psalm Prayer: Lord our God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son, and his sighing was not hidden from you. In your kindness look also on us, your children, weighed down with sins, and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Gospel:

Mark 14:55-65

L: 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:

C: ⁵⁸ **“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.’”**

L: ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

C: **Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?”**

L: ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him,

C: **“Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”**

L: 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.

C: 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: Not All the Blood of Beasts CW # 128

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael's al - tars slain
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way,
 3 In faith I place my hand On that dear head di - vine,
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den you did bear
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;

Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
 As pen - i - tent - ly here I stand And lay on him my sin.
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree — I know my guilt was there!
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing his bleed - ing love.

Sermon:

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Prayer: God of all grace and mercy let your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow Jesus to Calvary's Holy Hill. Today and everyday, focus our attention of our Savior's word and passion. Strengthen our faith in Jesus, renew in us the zeal to serve, and empower us to share your message of salvation with others. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!***

Together we pray Luther's Evening 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

L: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

L: 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

Hymn: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*..... CW # 444

1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your
 2 How can these anx - ious wor - ries aid you, These nev - er -
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Per - form your

con - fi - dence in him, He'll give you strength and stand be -
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? Will not his wings of mer - cy
 hope, with heart con - tent; Then take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 du - ties faith - ful - ly, And trust his Word; though un - de -

side you When days are drear - y, dark, and dim. For those who
 shade you When - ev - er trou - bled times a - rise? Our cross and
 plea - sure And his dis - cern - ing love have sent. Doubt not; your
 serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

trust his change - less love Build on the rock that does not move.
 tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own,
 yet for - sook in need The soul that trust - ed him in - deed.