

HANDS OF THE PASSION

Good Friday

April 2, 2021



NAIL – PIERCED HANDS

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they crucified Him there with the criminals,
one on His right and the other on His left.”

Luke 23:33

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI
(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)
IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU

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The minister enters in silence.

Please stand

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn: *CW 98 (vs. 1-3)*

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

- 1 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 suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.**
- 2 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.**
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of your crucifixion.**

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness— ¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

¹ Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hymn: CW 113 (v. 1)

“Upon The Cross Extended”

**1 Upon the cross extended, See, world, your Lord suspended;
Your Savior yields his breath.
The Prince of life from heaven Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.**

³²Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” They cast lots to divide his garments among them. (EHV)

NAIL – PIERCED HANDS - JESUS

Soloist One: *CW 140*

“God Was There on Calvary”

I

First Word – Luke 23:26-34

As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then “ ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us,” and to the hills, “Cover us!”’ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?” Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Hymn response: *TLH 180 (vs. 1 & 2)*

“Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes”

**1 Jesus, in Thy dying woes, Even while Thy lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Thy foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**2 Savior, for our pardon sue When our sins Thy pangs renew;
For we know not what we do; Hear us, holy Jesus.**

II

Second Word – Luke 23:38-43

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, **“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Hymn response: *TLH 181 (vs. 1 & 2)*

“Jesus, Pitying the Sighs”

**1 Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief who near Thee died,
Promising him Paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**2 May we in our guilt and shame Still Thy love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Thy name: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

III

Third Word – John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **“Dear woman, here is your son,”** and to the disciple, **“Here is your mother.”** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Hymn response: *TLH 182 (vs. 1 & 2)*

“Jesus, Loving to the End”

**1 Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Thy sorrows rend,
And Thy dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**2 May we in Thy sorrows share, For Thy sake all peril dare,
And enjoy Thy tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

IV

Fourth Word – Matthew 27:45-49

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *“Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani?”* – **which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”** When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Hymn response: *TLH 183 (vs. 1 & 2)* **“Jesus, Whelmed in Fears Unknown”**

**1 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, With our evil left alone,
While no light from heaven is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**2 When we vainly seem to pray And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

V

Fifth Word – John 19:28, 29

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, **“I am thirsty.”** A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Hymn response: *TLH 184 (vs. 1 & 2)* **“Jesus, in Thy Thirst and Pain”**

**1 Jesus, in Thy thirst and pain, While Thy wounds Thy life-blood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**2 Thirst for us in mercy still, All Thy holy work fulfil,
Satisfy Thy loving will: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

VI

Sixth Word – John 19:28-30

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **“It is finished.”** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Hymn response: *TLH 185 (vs. 1 & 2)*

“Jesus, All Our Ransom Paid”

**1 Jesus, all our ransom paid, All Thy Father’s will obeyed,
By Thy sufferings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**2 Save us in our soul’s distress, Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

VII

Seventh Word – Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”** When he had said this, he breathed his last.

SEVENTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Hymn response: *TLH 186 (vs. 1 & 2)*

“Jesus, All Thy Labor Vast”

**1 Jesus, all Thy labor vast, All Thy woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Thy soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

**2 When the death shades round us lower, Guard us from the Tempter’s power
Keep us in that trial hour: Hear us, holy Jesus.**

BIDDING PRAYER

L: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen, Dear Father.

L: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen, Dear Christ.

L: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen, Holy Spirit.

L: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Establish this, Amen.

L: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom through Christ our Lord.

C: Provide this, Amen.

L: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Protect us, Amen.

L: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Give us strength, Amen.

L: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words He himself has taught us.

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.**

Soloist Two: *CW 119*

“Were You There?”

Silence for meditation.

A loud noise (strepitus) representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard.

The minister exits the chancel.

Officiants:

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck

Soloist One: Kenneth Vagt

Soloist Two: Bryan Schneck

Lectors 1:00 p.m.: Alan Bober

7:00 p.m.: Mark Kipf

Acolytes: 1:00 p.m.: Miller Sordahl

7:00 p.m.: Julie Nielsen

Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich