

# The Hands of Repentance

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**THEME: THE HANDS OF REPENTANCE**

When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can't help but think of their hands-- the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can't help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.

**THE HANDS OF THE PASSION**

Hands of Repentance

**Opening Hymn**

**"With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"**

**CW 303**

**With broken heart and contrite sigh,  
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.  
Your pard'ning grace is rich and free--  
O God, be merciful to me!**

**I smite upon my troubled breast,  
With deep and conscious guilt oppressed,  
Christ and his cross my only plea--  
O God, be merciful to me!**

Far off I stand with tearful eyes  
Nor dare uplift them to the skies,  
But you can all my anguish see--  
O God, be merciful to me!

No gifts, no deeds that I have done  
Can for a single sin atone.  
To Calvary alone I flee--  
O God, be merciful to me!

And when, redeemed from sin and hell,  
With all the ransomed souls I dwell,  
My joyous song shall ever be:  
God has been merciful to me!

**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**

(Sung in Unison)

**Refrain: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.**

**C: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,\*  
Whose sins are covered.**

**When I kept silent, 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.**

**Refrain**

**You are my hiding place;\*  
You will protect me from trouble.**

**Many are the words of the wicked,\*  
But the Lord's unfailing love surrounds  
Those who trust in him.**

**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**

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 un-failing love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Passion Reading**

**Mark 14:27-42**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me. For it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' <sup>28</sup> But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>29</sup> But Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today—this very night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

<sup>31</sup> But Peter kept saying emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you." And they all said the same thing.

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place named Gethsemane. Jesus told his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. <sup>34</sup> He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch."

<sup>35</sup> Going forward a little, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> He also said, "Abba, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

<sup>37</sup> When he returned to the disciples, he found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour?" <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

<sup>39</sup> Again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. <sup>40</sup> When he returned, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him. <sup>41</sup> He returned the third time and said to them, "Are you going to continue sleeping and resting? It is enough. The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us go. Look, my betrayer is near."

**Seasonal Response**

**All: 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.**

**“Just As I Am, without One Plea”**

Just as I am, without one plea  
 But that thy blood was shed for me  
 And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not  
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
 With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
 Fightings and fears within, without,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down.  
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Sermon “The Hands of Repentance” Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> Jesus told this parable to certain people who trusted in themselves (that they were righteous) and looked down on others: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple courts to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.’

<sup>13</sup> “However the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven, but was beating his chest and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

<sup>14</sup> "I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

### **Anthem by School Children**

### **"Lenten Love Song"**

### **Prayers and Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**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.**

### **Evening Prayer**

**All: 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. 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.**

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**MIDWEEK LENT SCHEDULE**

- March 10      Guest Preacher: Pastor Becker  
Theme: Hands of Betrayal
- March 17      Guest Preacher: Pastor Mielke  
Theme: Hands of Brutality
- March 24      Guest Preacher: Pastor Tessmer  
Theme: Hands of Self-Preservation