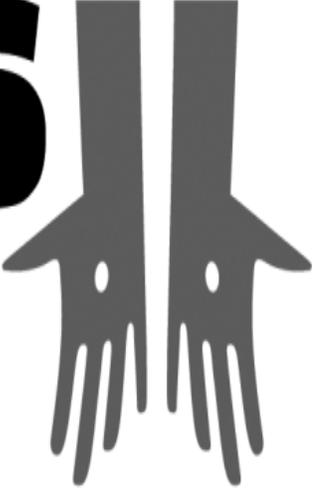


St. Paul Lutheran Church
Serbin, Texas



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**



Good Friday Morning
April 2, 2021
9:00 a.m.

PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDT

All enter the church in silence

PROLOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Brothers and sisters, when God became man, it was no illusion, no spiritual game-playing. Today we are observing, as it were, the funeral of the man Jesus, who is in fact a God who bleeds, a God who dies.

God the Son became a true human being for one purpose: to die for us.

When He compared Himself to a good shepherd, He said,

For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me,

C but I lay it down of My own accord. *John 10:17-18*

P He lay it down even though it meant experiencing human suffering. When He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil,

He ate nothing during those days.

C **And when they were ended, He was hungry.** *Luke 4:2*

P He was dependent on the kindness of other humans during His ministry. He said,

Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests,

C **but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.**

Luke 9:58

P He kept the cross always in view.

When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,

C **He set His face to go to Jerusalem.** *Luke 9:51*

P When He was warned of physical harm from Herod, He replied,

Go and tell that fox, "Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow,

C **and the third day I finish My course."** *Luke 13:32*

Stand

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P When the man Jesus, our Lord, finished His course on the cross, He was the perfect sacrifice. Like lambs offered in the temple, He was innocent. Like Passover lambs, not a bone in His body was broken. Through the shedding of His blood He made forgiveness available to all who rely on Him for eternal life. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Gracious heavenly Father,

C we come before You not as we wish nor as You desire but bringing our faults and failures, our willful sins, and our thoughtless errors. We have put our own physical comfort ahead of loving You. Out of fear of losing food, clothing, or shelter, we have spoken, acted, and thought loveless things toward our neighbors. We cannot free ourselves. Forgive us, renew in us clean hearts, and set our feet on paths of loving obedience to Your will for the sake of the man Jesus, who is Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

P Just before He breathed His last, our Lord declared finished the sacrifice for sin that He had always intended. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN: ♪ "UPON THE CROSS EXTENDED"

LSB 453 V. 1-2, 7

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.

2 Come, see these things and ponder,
Your soul will fill with wonder
As blood streams from each pore.
Through grief beyond all knowing
From His great heart came flowing
Sighs welling from its deepest core.

7 Your cross I place before me;
Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test.
It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Your eternal rest.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we ask You to open our hearts to know the great love of our Savior.
- G** **Grant that our worship this day will enable us to grasp the full measure of His love and the depth of His suffering. Send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith in His physical sacrifice so that we may rejoice together in His bodily resurrection;**
- P** through Your Son, the man Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 4:14–16; 5:7–9

- P** The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapters four and five.
- Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence.⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered.⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 23:32-34

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.
- G** **Glory to you, O Lord**
- Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.
- G** **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sit

HYMN: ♪ **"NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS"**

LSB 431

- 1** **Not all the blood of beasts**
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.
- 3 My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree;
I know my guilt was there.
- 5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

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SERMON: "NAIL-PIERCED HANDS"
By Pastor David Mumm

LUKE 23:32-34

Stand

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

NICENE CREED

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come.
Amen.

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

- P** Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
- C** **the whole earth is full of His glory.**
- P** Hosanna in the highest;
- C** **hosanna to the Lord.**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
- C** **hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in Your great mercy You gave Your Son into bodily suffering and physical death on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. And now He gives us His body and blood to eat and drink that we might receive with confident faith the forgiveness, life, and salvation He has won for us. Keep us strong in faith in time and space until we see Him in eternity with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Lord Jesus, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember Your entire life in this fallen world, all the suffering and pain on the cross which we deserve, and Your promised return at the end of time in judgment and glory. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

- P** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
- C** have mercy on us.
- P** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
- C** have mercy on us.
- P** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
- C** grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION REMINDER

BIDDING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; Lord in Your mercy.
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; Lord in Your mercy.
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; Lord in Your mercy.
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty: O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; Lord in Your mercy.
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Let us pray to our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; Lord in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; Lord in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; Lord in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; Lord in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

♪ **"O DEAREST JESUS, WHAT LAW HAST THOU BROKEN"**

LSB 439 V.1-5

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?**

- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.**

- 3 **Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.**
- 4 **What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.**
- 5 **The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.**

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♪ **"STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED"**

LSB 451

- 1 **Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.**
- 2 **Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.**
- 3 **Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.**

**4 Here we have a firm foundation,
 Here the refuge of the lost:
 Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
 Is the name of which we boast;
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
 Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
 None shall ever be confounded
 Who on Him their hope have built.**

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GOOD FRIDAY

April 2

Service of Darkness

7:00 p.m.

EASTER DAY

April 4

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. .

Festival Worship

9:00 a.m.

