



**The  
Hands  
of the  
Passion**

**HANDS OF REPENTANCE  
(TAX COLLECTOR)**

Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 17, 2021    Ash Wednesday

# Hymn: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly  
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af -  
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your  
 4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science  
 5 Grant that I your pas - sion view With re - pent - ant



pas - sion; With your Spir - it me en - dow  
 flic - tion, Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness  
 pas - sion, But its cause to me make known  
 grieve me, Let your cross my fear dis - arm;  
 griev - ing. Let me not bring shame to you



For such med - i - ta - tion. Grant that I in love  
 And your cru - ci - fix - ion; Make me see how scourge  
 And its ter - mi - na - tion. Ah! I al - so and  
 Peace of con - science give me. Help me see for - give -  
 By un - ho - ly liv - ing. How could I re - fuse



and faith May the im - age cher - ish Of your suf -  
 and rod, Spear and nails did wound you, How for them  
 my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion; This in - deed  
 ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion. If for me  
 to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful pleas - ure Since for me



f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
 you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.  
 the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!  
 God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out meas - ure?

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
 Help me bear my crosses,  
 Learning humbleness from you,  
 Peace mid pain and losses.  
 May I give you love for love!  
 Hear me, O my Savior,  
 That I may in heav'n above  
 Sing your praise forever.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.  
 Tune: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN (76 76 D Trochaic) Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570-1615, alt.

## INSTRUCTION FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

### CONFESSION OF SINS

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.**

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Those who desire to receive the sign of ashes come forward.*

M: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*After all who desire have received ashes, the minister says:*

M: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation

C: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

M: By the cross and suffering of your Son, O Lord,

C: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

### ABSOLUTION

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.  
During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## 2 Samuel 12:1-13

**12** The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

<sup>4</sup>“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

<sup>5</sup>David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! <sup>6</sup>He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup>I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. <sup>9</sup>Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

<sup>11</sup>“This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup>You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’ ”

<sup>13</sup>Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

## **Acts 5:1-11**

**5** Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. <sup>2</sup> With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup> Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

<sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. <sup>6</sup> Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

<sup>7</sup> About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup> Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."

<sup>9</sup> Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

<sup>10</sup> At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup> Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

## **Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

<sup>13</sup> "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

<sup>14</sup> "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

## **Seasonal Response**

**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.**

**SERMON HYMN: CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE**



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me. All my wants to him are known;  
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
 won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.  
 Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

**Sermon on Luke 18:9-14  
 Hands of Repentance**

## **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 OFFERTORY**

Sung to the tune of *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**C:     What language shall I borrow   To thank you, dearest Friend,  
      For all Your dying sorrow,   Your pity without end?  
      Oh, make me Yours forever;   And should I fainting prove,  
      Lord, let me never, never   Forsake your dying love!**

## **THE PREFACE**

Sung to the tune of *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**M:     The Lord is with His people;   The Lord God be with you.  
C:     The Lord is with His servants;   The Lord be with you, too.  
M:     Your grateful hearts now raise Him  
C:     To God we lift them high.  
      'Tis right to thank and praise Him   Who to his world draws nigh**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**M:     Always and everywhere it is right to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father,  
      through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave His life on the cross for us that, freed  
      from the power of sin and death, we might have eternal joy in Your presence,  
      renewed in faith and life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of  
      heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:**

## **THE SANCTUS**

Sung to the tune of *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

**C:     Holy, holy, holy Lord,   Heav'n and earth proclaim the story  
      Of Your majesty adored,   Of your kingdom, pow'r, and glory.  
      With hosannas now we meet You;   With our palms and praises greet You:**

**Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He   Who in God's own name draws near us!  
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we   Since we have God's love to cheer us:  
Blood outpoured and body broken   Of eternal love the token.**

## THE CONSECRATION

### THE AGNUS DEI

Sung to the tune of *O Dearest Jesus*

**C: Jesus, the Lamb of God, Have mercy on us!  
Jesus, who bore our sins, Have mercy on us!  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy!  
Give us Your peace, Lord!**

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### THE NUNC DIMMITIS

Sung to the tune of *Our Father, by Whose Name*

**C: In peace, Lord, at Your Word, Now let Your servant go;  
For I have seen and heard What all the earth must know:  
Salvation for the world is here!  
And Israel's Light shines bright and clear  
Upon the nations far and near.**

**Eternal praise and fame Be to our God alone!  
We proudly bear His name, Proclaim what he has done.  
For our redemption, full and free,  
To Father, Son, and Spirit be  
All praise and thanks eternally!**

### THE BENEDICTION

Sung to the tune of *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**M: The good Lord bless and keep you, Lift up His shining face,  
With favor look upon you And grant eternal peace.**  
**C: To Father, Son, and Spirit, Most gracious One-in-Three,  
Be glory, praise, and blessing Now and eternally!**