



**The
Hands
of the
Passion**

**HANDS OF BRUTALITY
(SOLDIERS)**

Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church
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HYMN: CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING



1 Christ, the Life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the Death of
 2 Thou, ah, thou hast tak - en on thee Bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round thee, Treat - ing thee with
 5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee That from pain I



death, our foe, Who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 cru - el scorn, And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.
 might be free; False - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee—



To the dark - est depths of woe— Through thy suf - f' rings,
 O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne That as thine thou
 Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty. Com - fort - less thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.
 soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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6 Thou has suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me.
 Thou didst choose to be tormented
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For thine anguish in the garden,
 I will thank thee evermore,
 Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
 For thy bleeding and thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

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.**

Refrain



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;



re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

M: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

C: **Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me.**

M: May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O LORD Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel.

C: **For zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.**

M: Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

C: **They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.**

M: The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.

C: **Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them,**

M: for God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.

C: **I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.**

C: **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: Lord God, our refuge and strength, when the restless powers of this world and the fury of Satan rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Be with us in every time of trouble and bring us to the new Jerusalem where you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PASSION HISTORY FROM MARK 15:16-47

¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” ¹⁹Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. ²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ²³Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

²⁵It was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰come down from the cross and save yourself!”

³¹In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! ³²Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

³³At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at 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?”

³⁵When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

³⁶One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

⁴⁰Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

⁴²It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it

in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

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: DEEP WERE HIS WOUNDS

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1 Deep were his wounds, and red, On cru - el Cal - va -
 2 He suf - fered shame and scorn And wretch - ed, dire dis -
 3 His life, his all, he gave When he was cru - ci -



ry, As on the cross he bled In bit - ter
 grace; For - sak - en and for - lorn, He hung there
 fied; Our bur - dened souls to save, What fear - ful



ag - o - ny. But they whom sin has wound - ed
 in our place. But all who would from sin be
 death he died! But each of us, though dead in



sore Find heal - ing in the wounds he bore.
 free Look to his cross for vic - to - ry.
 sin, Through him e - ter - nal life may win.

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SERMON ON MATTHEW 27:27-31

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²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

M: O Father of all mercies, be present with us this night. We give thanks for another day filled with Your grace, encouraged by Your promises, guided by Your wisdom, crowned with Your victories. Grant us now a night of rest and recuperation that we may serve You yet another day; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: 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

CLOSING HYMN: GOD, WHO MADE THE EARTH AND HEAVEN

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1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark -
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And,
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All -



ness and light, You the day for work have
 run life's way, May we still, what - e'er be -
 when we die, May we in your might - y
 ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly



giv - en, For rest the night. May your
 fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
 keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
 giv - en— Blest Three in One, Grant us



an - gel host de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet
 pow'r of e - vil hide us; In the nar -
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord,
 grace, we now im - plore you, Till we lay



your mer - cy send us, Ho - ly dreams and
 row path - way guide us; Nev - er be your
 do not for - sake us, But to reign in
 our crowns be - fore you And in wor - thier



hopes at - tend us All through the night.
 smile de - nied us, All through the day.
 glo - ry take us With you on high.
 strains a - dore you While a - ges run.

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