

THE COLLECT

M: O Lord, hear my prayer;

C: **And let my cry come to You.**

M: O Lord, visit this dwelling, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and may Your blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE CANTICLE & BLESSING

M: Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,

C: **that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

M: Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;

C: **For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Your people Israel.**

M: Let us bless the Lord:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

M: The almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve us.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | 175 v. 1-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to Pastor Paul Schleis (First Ev. Lutheran Church) for delivering God's truth to us tonight!

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MARCH 24, 2021 | *Fifth Midweek Lenten Service*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship tonight! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES FOR TONIGHT

This Lenten season, we are considering the "Hands of the Passion." In tonight's service, we draw our attention to the Garden of Gethsemane, and Simon Peter's reaction to those who came to arrest Jesus. We ponder **Hands of Misguided Zeal.**

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher

Rev. Paul Schleis, First Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Dan Lindquist

The Office of Compline—Close of Day

Please stand.

VERSICLES

M: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen.**

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord:

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

M: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

C: **And put away Your anger toward us.**

M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

C: **Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

M: By the authority of God and of my holy office I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with You. Amen.

You may be seated.

HYMN *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* | 142 v. 1-2

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalms 37 (selected verses)*

M: Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

C: **For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.**

M: Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

C: **Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.**

M: Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

C: **He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.**

M: I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

C: **Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.**

M: For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints;

C: **But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD *Part Five—Mark 15:16-47*

HYMN *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* | 518 v. 1, 2, 7

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - John 18:4-11 *Hands of the Passion:
Hands of Misguided Zeal*

Following the sermon, please stand.

THE RESPONSORY

M: Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C: **For You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.**

M: Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of Your eye.

C: **Hide us under the shadow of Your wings.**

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.