WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

The Hands of the Passion
Hands of Hypocrisy
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Hymn - 117 "O Dearest Jesus"

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 69 (see back page)

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 Reading - Mark 14:66—15:15

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.

Hymn - 107 "Deep Were His Wounds"

Sermon - Mark 14:55-65 "Hands of Hypocrisy"

[55] The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. [56] Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

[57] Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: [58] "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" [59] Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

[60] Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" [61] But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" [62] "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." [63] The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. [64] "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

They all condemned him as worthy of death. [65] Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophesy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Evening Prayer
All:For this I will adore Thee
 And praise with all my heart
 And earnestly implore Thee
 Thy mercy to impart
 And hear this hour of even'
 My Vespers pray'r to Thee
 And let Thy grace be given
 To work all good in me.

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.**

Hymn - 114:1-5 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Offering - *You may place your offering in the plate at the door.*
 Thank you!

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