



The Hands of the Passion



(Date)

“Hands of Repentance”

Guest speaker: Pastor Zaferos, Mt. Olive, Suamico

Opening Hymn: *“Abide With Me”* CW 588, v. 3

3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in thy wings,
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev’ry plea;
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

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.**

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.**

Passion Reading:

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: *“Just As I Am”* CW 397, v. 1&6

1 Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was
shed for me
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of
God, I come, I come.
6 Just as I am; thy love unknown Has broken ev’ry
barrier down.
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I
come, I come.

Sermon Text: Luke 18:9–14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:
¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The 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. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³“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.’

¹⁴“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.”

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Prayer:

Lord’s Prayer:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as

we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.”

Evening Prayer

All: **All praise to you, our God, this night for all the blessings of the light.
Keep us, yes, keep us, King of kings beneath your own almighty wings.
Forgive us, Lord, through your dear Son for sins that we this day have done,
that as we sleep, peace we would hold with all, with you, within our souls. Amen.**

Closing 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.**