



# The Hands of the Passion

March 3, 2021

## ***“Hands of Brutality”***

Guest speaker: Pastor Piet VanKampen

**Opening Hymn:** *“Abide With Me”* CW 588, v. 4

4. Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.  
On to the close, O Lord, 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:** *“Christ, the life of All the Living”* CW 6 & 7

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.

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 27:27-31

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

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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.**