



GOOD FRIDAY

NAIL-PIERCED  
HANDS  
(JESUS)

*St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Church  
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**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**The Hands of the Passion**  
 Hands of Humility (Jesus)

*Greeting by the minister*

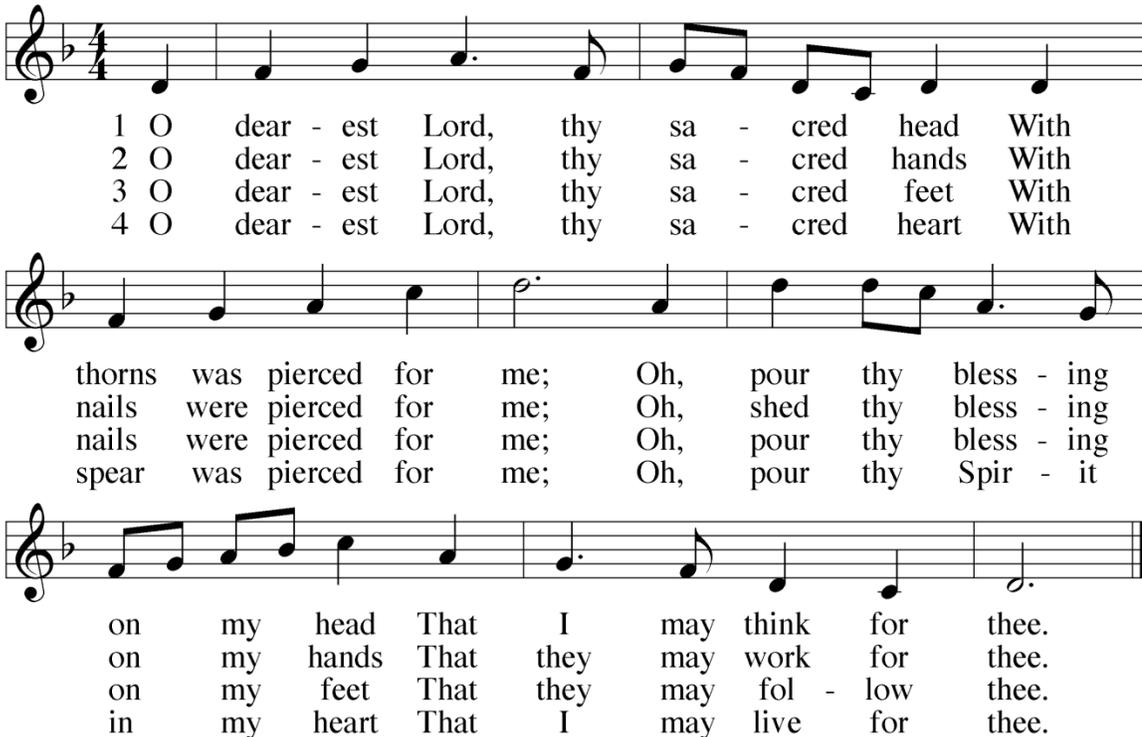
*Please Stand*

**GATHERING RITE for GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Psalm 22 (selected verses) and “O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head”**

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 Tune: DETROIT (CM) *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, Harrisonburg, 1820.

Minister: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me?  
**Congregation: I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.**

*Sing verse 1*



1 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred head With  
 2 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred hands With  
 3 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred feet With  
 4 O dear - est Lord, thy sa - cred heart With

thorns was pierced for me; Oh, pour thy bless - ing  
 nails were pierced for me; Oh, shed thy bless - ing  
 nails were pierced for me; Oh, pour thy bless - ing  
 spear was pierced for me; Oh, pour thy Spir - it

on my head That I may think for thee.  
 on my hands That they may work for thee.  
 on my feet That they may fol - low thee.  
 in my heart That I may live for thee.

M: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:  
**C: “He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”**

*Sing verse 2*

M: My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

**C: A band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.  
They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.**

*Sing verse 3*

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

**C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.**

*Sing verse 4*

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am all together sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### **PSALM PRAYER:**

M: Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

It's not as though he did not know what he was in for when he came down from heaven. He knew it all. He came, not in spite of it all, but precisely because he knew what he was in for. That's how much he and his Father wanted the results of this most horrible and most holy day, this day of contradictions.

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.  
<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him—  
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being  
and his form marred beyond human likeness—  
<sup>15</sup> so he will sprinkle many nations,  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told, they will see,  
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

**53** Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

<sup>9</sup> *He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.*

<sup>10</sup> *Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.*

<sup>11</sup> *After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.*

<sup>12</sup> *Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.  
For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.*

### **CHOIR ANTHEM: "I Run to Christ"**

### **SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9**

Here is more irony and contradiction: on this day he does not seek our pity. Instead he assures us by his suffering that he understands our suffering: *for he has known our temptations and he has suffered fully the consequences of our every yielding to temptation.* We may indeed have every confidence in him as he pleads for us in heaven on the basis of his sacrifice and suffering for us on earth on this holy day. He won mercy for us and grace. He will not fail as the source of eternal salvation. He finished his work. We have been redeemed. He was holy and suffered for our total unholiness; but still he bids us draw near! Shouldn't he be repelled or shudder that we might stain him still more? Yes, he should! But he calls us to draw near so that he can continue to cleanse us by his sacrifice and its saving merit.

<sup>14</sup> *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.*

<sup>15</sup> *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.*

<sup>16</sup> *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

<sup>7</sup> *During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.*

<sup>8</sup> Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered

<sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW Hymn 140 v1-3**

**“God Was There on Calvary”**



1 God was there on Cal - va - ry, God the  
2 All the world on Cal - va - ry, Cru - ci -  
3 Sin was there on Cal - va - ry, All the



Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Dy - ing that the  
fied the Prince of life, Pierced the hands of  
sins of ev - 'ry - one, Laid up - on God's



world might live, There on Cal - va - ry.  
God's own Son, There on Cal - va - ry.  
sin - less Lamb There on Cal - va - ry.

**SERMON:** based on Luke 23:32-34

**“Nail-Pierced Hands” (Jesus)**

<sup>32</sup> Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “O Sacred Head”**

*Please Stand*

**THE PRAYERS and BLESSING:**

M: O Father of all mercy and love, we humbly come before you on this anniversary of Christ's death to thank you for taking pity on our lost condition, and for loving us sinners so much that you delivered up your Son to the cross for us all. Because it pleased you to permit suffering and death to strike him instead of us, we have full pardon for our sins and release from all punishment.

**C: Grant to each of us a true and abiding faith by which our sin-weary souls may find the peace our Savior promised, a peace which comes from being reunited with you, our heavenly Father.**

M: Dear Savior Jesus Christ, with your triumphant cry of victory from the cross you brought to a close your blessed work of redeeming us from our sins. Mortal tongues can never express all the praise due to you for this gift of your love, namely, your body given into death and your blood shed for our sins. What joy, what hope, what comfort are ours in the midst of sin and affliction, knowing that our sins are forgiven and that we are redeemed through your sacrifice.

**C: May our hearts never stray from you and may we never cease praising you. Sprinkle our sins with your blood and blot our many transgressions from God's sight forever. As long as we live, shower us with your grace, bestowing every needful blessing upon our souls and bodies.**

*Special prayers and intercessions: optional, read by the minister*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent Prayer*

M: O Holy Spirit, whose gracious life-giving power has awakened us from spiritual death and united us by faith to our crucified and risen Redeemer: grant that our sinful flesh be crucified with Christ, that dying to sin we might live always unto him in righteousness. As you bestow on our hearts peace through the cross, help us also to take up and bear our own crosses after Christ, confessing his holy name.

**C: As it pleases you to keep us in the true faith, may it also please you to bring the good news of Christ's victory over death to others, that together with us they may enjoy everlasting life and salvation, all to the glory of our Redeemer's name. Amen.**

**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.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**CLOSING HYMN: CW Hymn 140 v4-6**  
**"God Was There on Calvary"**



4 Love was there on Cal - va - ry, Stream - ing  
5 Life was there on Cal - va - ry, Flow - ing



from the heart of God, Reach - ing out for  
from his wound - ed side, Spent that death it -



ev - 'ry - one There on Cal - va - ry.  
self might die There on Cal - va - ry.

6 We were there on Calvary;  
We were pardoned, saved, set free,  
Saved to live eternally—  
Blessed Calvary!

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