

LENT MIDWEEK 6

March 20, 2024

11:00am



As We Gather – “The Hands of Christ”

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Our God loves us so much, He physically entered our world to save us. Throughout our Wednesdays in Lent, we will have a series of services to help us take the time to consider our Lord’s humanity and how He used the human body to save us. Each week, we will have responsive verses from God’s Word, Scripture readings, songs, and prayers to focus our attention on: the HEART of Christ, the EYES of Christ, the EARS of Christ, the MOUTH of Christ, the FEET of Christ, and the HANDS of Christ.

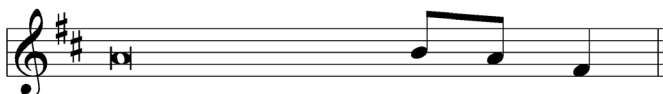
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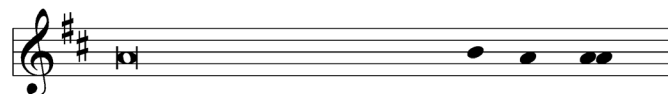
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

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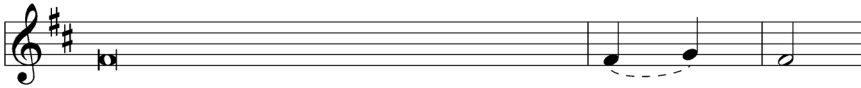
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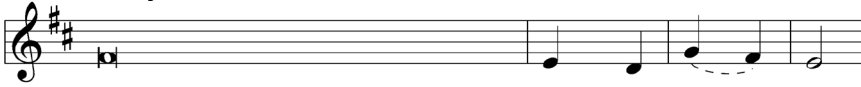
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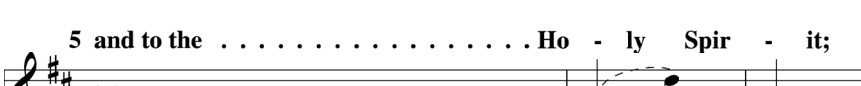
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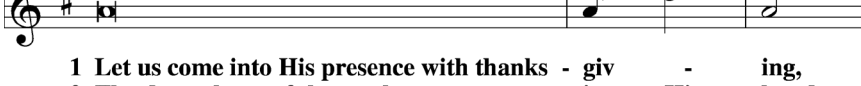
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



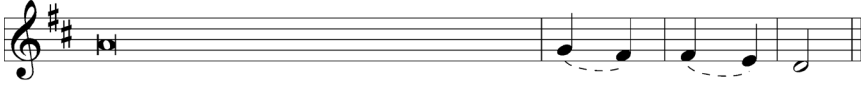
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.



5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

OFFICE HYMN (Tune, LSB 527)

Lord Jesus, you draw near us In garb of human flesh,
 An earthly form, to cheer us, To kindle faith afresh.
 Your body for us broken On the accursed tree
 Becomes a sacred token Of glory yet to be.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Tune, LSB 527*)

Reach out to us, dear Savior, With hands that nail prints show.

Assure us of your favor, And never let us go.

O Word-made-flesh, forever Your name shall be adored.

Oh, let us cherish ever The hands of Christ, our Lord.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING, Genesis 2:4-8

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING, 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

P The hands of God are great and strong; the whole world they enfold.

C **Take us by the hand and lead us in purity and in truth.**

P And all who to the Lord belong

C **His hands securely hold.**

GOSPEL READING, John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN, LSB 722

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;

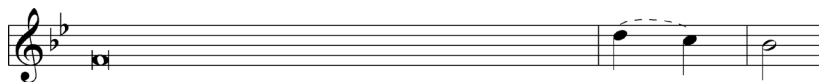


So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

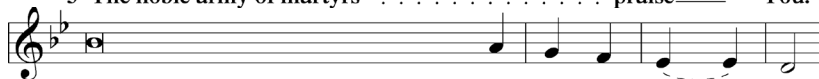
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SERMON, "The Hands of Christ"

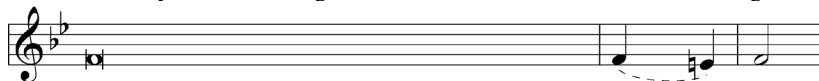
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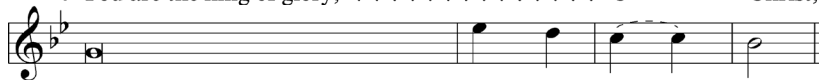
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.



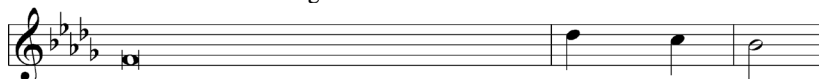
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



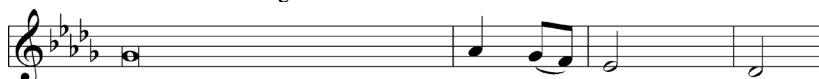
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;



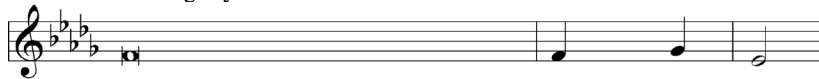
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



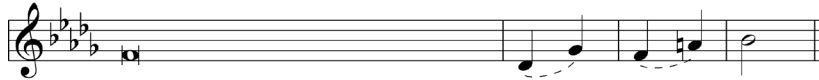
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



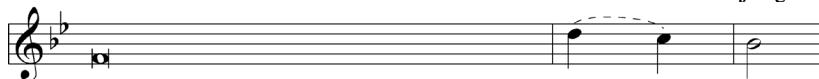
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



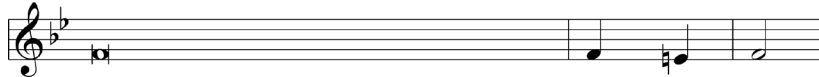
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.



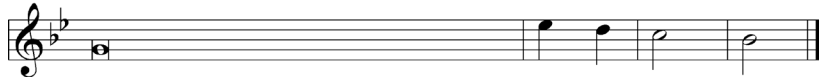
- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

OFFERING

PRAYERS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

P Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs. For all nations of the world that their hands may be peaceful and full of charity, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

P For your body, the church, that our hands may carry the Gospel to all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

P For our congregation, that our hands may join in fellowship with those whose need for your love is unfulfilled, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

P For those who are caught in sin and for those who would destroy them while ignoring their own sins, that they may be reconciled by the forgiveness for which your hands were pierced, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

P For the sick, that your hands which so often reached out to strengthen the infirm and to heal the ill will also touch them with your healing power, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

P For those who have died in the faith, we give you thanks and ask for your consolation to those who grieve. For ourselves that at the time of our death our hands will be clasped in your own as you welcome us into the kingdom of heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commit all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C **Amen.**

HYMN (*Tune LSB 527*)

The hands of Christ, our brother, Reach down from heav'n above,
As we touch one another With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving, Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living The Body of the Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord join hands with you and lead you.
The Lord place his hands upon you T and give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART, LSB 878, stanzas 1, 6

"Abide With Me"

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;
The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;
Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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