

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE 4, 2025

THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO HEALS THE SICK

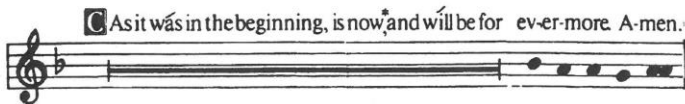
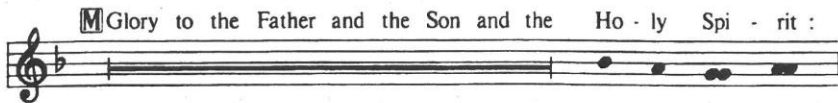
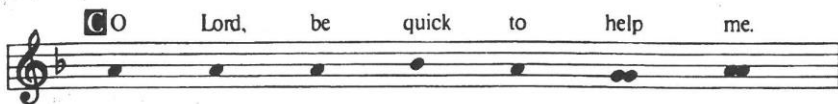
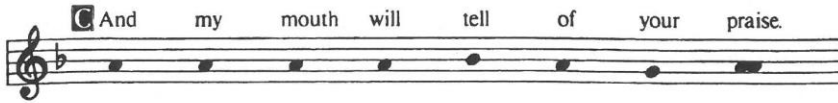
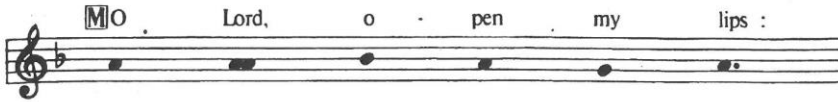
Quarantine is a term for isolating people suspected of carrying some infectious or contagious disease. In Latin, the term literally refers to “forty days.” The forty-day season of Lent serves as a sort of quarantine for sinners, a time when the medicine of repentance and faith in God’s Word brings healing and deliverance from sin, sickness, and death—whatever causes a person to be rejected, abandoned, or shunned by others, or even by God. The hand of the Lord is the reaching, touching, healing hand of the Son of God, Christ, the mighty Saviour, that touches you, bringing healing and reconciliation with God and His people.

May the Lord bless our worship tonight



As the minister approaches the altar the congregation stands

Organ



LENT RESPONSORY

LSB, p. 231

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

The congregation sits

The Word That Spoke in Darkness

Lisa M. Clark

Mark Knickelbein



- 1 The Word that spoke in dark-ness And prom-ised com-ing light
- 2 The Sav-ior came to con-quer And meet His mis-sion's aim:
- 3 The Christ pro-claimed His vic-t'ry With ev-'ry act of grace:
- 4 The Prince of Peace con-tin-ued With each new task com-plete



Kept guid-ing through the a-ges Un-til the time was right
Up- end- ing Sa-tan's ter-ror, Cre-a-tion to re-claim
The out-cast shown com-pas-sion And God's own ho-ly face
At cross and tomb and glo-ry Up-on His roy-al seat,



To take on flesh and fol-low The Fa-ther's good com-mand
By walk-ing on the wa-ters So we by faith may stand
As Jes-sus looked with fa-vor On all from ev-'ry land
De-liv-er-ance ac-com-plished Ex-act-ly as He planned;



And dwell a-mong His peo-ple, The king-dom now at hand.
With trust in Him whose res-cue Is of-fered by His hand.
Who need-ed life and heal-ing From His al-might-y hand.
Our King will raise in wel-come His pierced and ris-en hand.

The congregation stands

P Bless the Lord, O my soul,
C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**
P Bless the Lord, O my soul,
C **and forget not all His benefits,**
P who forgives all your iniquity,
C **who heals all your diseases,**
P who redeems your life from the pit,
C **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
P who satisfies you with good
C **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**
P The Lord works righteousness
C **and justice for all who are oppressed.**
P He made known His ways to Moses,
C **His acts to the people of Israel.**
P The Lord is merciful and gracious,
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
P He will not always chide,
C **nor will He keep His anger forever.**
P He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
P For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**
P as far as the east is from the west,
C **so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**
P As a father shows compassion to his children,
C **so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.**
P For He knows our frame;
C **He remembers that we are dust.**
P As for man, his days are like grass;
C **he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

P for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
C **and its place knows it no more.**
P But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,
C **and His righteousness to children's children,**
P to those who keep His covenant
C **and remember to do His commandments.**
P The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,
C **and His kingdom rules over all.**
P Bless the Lord, O you His angels,
C **you mighty ones who do His word,**
P obeying the voice of His word!
C **Bless the Lord, all His hosts,**
P His ministers, who do His will!
C **Bless the Lord, all His works,**
P in all places of His dominion.
C **Bless the Lord, O my soul!**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
C **Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The congregation sits

P The Old Testament Reading is from 2 Kings, the fifth chapter.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL (spoken together)

Hebrews 12:2

**O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from All Four Gospels

Portions selected from Matthew 26:15-27:66, Mark 14:12-15:47, Luke 22:7-23:56, and John 13:1-19:42, arranged chronologically to tell the story of the arrest, trials, suffering, crucifixion, death, and burial of our Lord Jesus.

Events occur on Thursday and Friday, 13-14 Nissan (April 2-3), 33AD, in and around Jerusalem.

Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

Garden of Gethsemane, Mt Olives (outside Jerusalem)

MARK 14:32 Then they came to a place that had the name “Gethsemane,” and Jesus told His disciples, “Sit down here while I pray!”

³³ He took Peter, James and John with Him and began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ He told them, “My soul is very sad, to the point of death. Remain here and be watchful!”

³⁵ He went forward a little, fell to the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶ He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me! Nevertheless, not what I want but what You want!” LUKE 22:43 An angel appeared to Him from heaven and strengthened Him. ⁴⁴ He began to be in anguish and prayed more earnestly, and His sweat became like clots of blood falling to the ground.

MARK 14:37 Then He came and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not be watchful for one hour?” ³⁸ Be watchful and pray, that you may not begin to be tempted! The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

³⁹ Then He went away again and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ He came again and found them sleeping. For their eyes were heavy, and they did not know what to answer Him. ⁴¹ Then He came a third time and asked them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough. The hour has come. Look! The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up! Let us go! Look! The one who is betraying Me has arrived.”

Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

JOHN 18:1 After Jesus had said this, He went out with His disciples to the other side of the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden. He and His disciples went into it.

² Judas, who was betraying Him, also knew the place, because Jesus had often been meeting there with His disciples. ³ Then Judas took the troop of soldiers and assistants from the Chief Priests and Pharisees and came there with lanterns, torches and weapons.

MATTHEW 26:47 While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd from the Chief Priests and elders of the people. They were carrying swords and clubs. ⁴⁸ The betrayer had given them a signal. He said, “The One whom I kiss is the Man. Arrest Him!”

⁴⁹ Judas at once went up to Jesus, said, “Greetings, Rabbi,” and kissed Him.

⁵⁰ Jesus told him, “Friend, do what you have come for!”

JOHN 18:4 Therefore, Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them, “For whom are you looking?”

⁵ They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus told them, “I am He.”

Judas, who was betraying Him, was also standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus told them, “I am He,” they went backwards and fell to the ground.

⁷ Therefore, Jesus asked them again, “For whom are you looking?”

They said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if I am the One for whom you are looking, let these men go!”

⁹ This happened that the statement that He had made might be fulfilled: “I have not lost any of those whom You have given Me.”

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the High Priest’s slave and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus.

¹¹ Jesus told Peter, “Put your sword into its scabbard! Shall I not indeed drink the cup that My Father has given Me?” MATTHEW 26:52B For all who take the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot call on My Father, so that He will

at once provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How, then, are the Scriptures to be fulfilled, which say that it must happen in this way?"

⁵⁵ At that time Jesus asked the crowd, "Have you come out to arrest Me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Every day I have been sitting and teaching in the Temple, and you have not arrested Me. ⁵⁶ However, all this has happened that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all His disciples deserted Him and ran away.

MARK 14:51 A certain young man was also following Him wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They tried to take hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

First Trial: Examination by Annas

Jerusalem, Annas' House

JOHN 18:12 Then the troop of soldiers, the commander and the Jewish assistants arrested Jesus and tied Him up. ¹³ They took Him to Annas first. For he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the High Priest that year. ¹⁴ It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews, "It is better that one Man should die for the people."

JOHN 18:19 Then the High Priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have been speaking openly to the world. I have always been teaching in the synagogue and in the Temple, where all the Jews come together, and have not been saying anything in secret. ²¹ Why do you question Me? Ask those who have heard what I have told them! Surely, they know what I have said."

²² After He had said this, one of the assistants who was standing near Jesus slapped His face and asked, "Is that how You answer the High Priest?"

²³ Jesus answered him, "If I have said anything wrong, give evidence about what has been wrong! However, if I have said what is good, why do you hit Me?"

Second Trial: Home of Caiaphas, High Priest (and the Betrayal of Peter)

Jerusalem, House of Caiaphas

JOHN 18:24 Then Annas sent Him, still bound, to Caiaphas, the High Priest. MARK 14:53 The men led Jesus away to the Chief Priest and all the Chief Priests, the elders and the scribes assembled. ⁵⁴ Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the Chief Priest. He was sitting with the servants and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ The Chief Priests and the whole Jewish council were trying to find some evidence against Jesus to put Him to death but could not find any. ⁵⁶ For many were testifying falsely against Him, but their statements in evidence did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some men stood up and gave this false testimony against Him: ⁵⁸ "We heard

Him saying, ‘I shall destroy this Temple, made with hands; and in three days I shall build another not made with hands.’”⁵⁹ However, even on this point their evidence did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the Chief Priest stood up in the middle and asked Jesus, “Are You not answering at all? What is it that these men are testifying against You?”

⁶¹ However, Jesus remained silent and did not answer at all.

LUKE 22:66 In the morning, the council of elders of the people, including the Chief Priests and the scribes, held a meeting. They brought Jesus before their council and asked, ⁶⁷ “Are You the Christ? Tell us!”

He replied to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe Me. ⁶⁸ If I ask you a question, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ However, from now on the Son of Man will be sitting at the right hand of the power of God.”

⁷⁰ All of them asked, “Are You, then, the Son of God?”

He answered them, “As you say: I am He.”

⁷¹ They asked, “Why do we need any more testimony? We ourselves have heard Him say it.”

MARK 14:64 You have heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?” They all condemned Him, saying that He deserved to die. ⁶⁵ Then some men began to spit at Him, cover His face, strike Him with their fists and say to Him, “Prophesy!” The attendants also gave Him blows.

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the Chief Priest came, ⁶⁷ and, when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You were also with the Man from Nazareth, this Jesus!”

⁶⁸ However, he denied it, saying: “I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” He went outside to the forecourt, and a rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ When the servant girl saw him, she again began to tell those who were standing around, “This is one of them!”

⁷⁰ However, he denied it again. After a little while, those who were standing near began to say to Peter again, “In fact you are one of them. For you are a Galilean.”

⁷¹ However, he began to curse and swear: “I do not know this Man, about whom you are talking.”

⁷² Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the Words that Jesus had told him: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.”

After the Narrative:

P Here ends the reading.

The congregation stands

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first two staves contain the first two lines of the hymn. The third staff contains the third line, and the fourth staff contains the final line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last line.

The congregation sits

HYMN "Come unto Me, Ye Weary" (LSB 684)

SERMON Matthew 8:1-4 The Hand of the Lord who Heals the Sick

HYMN "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" (LSB 846)

THE CANTICLE

M Let my prayer be counted as incense be - fore you :
C And the lifting up of my hands as an evening sac - fi - fice.

The canticle is written on two staves in D minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a 'M' (Meditation) symbol and the second with a 'C' (Canticle) symbol. The melody is simple and contemplative, with a final cadence on the second line.

The congregation stands

PRAYER

P Let us pray:

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICAMUS

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” (*LSB* 435)