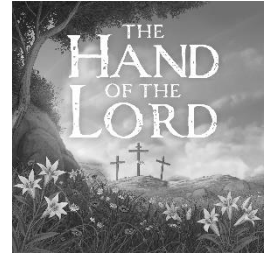


The Hand of the Lord
“The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick”
Lent Midweek IV, March 26, 2025

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 Savior, that touches you, bringing healing and reconciliation with God and His people.



THE OPENING HYMN #435 *“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”*



1 Come to Cal - v’ry’s ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; ’Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES Joel 2:13; Isaiah 55:6–7

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents of disaster.

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

C: call upon Him while He is near.

P: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

**C: let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

THE PSALM Psalm 38 (selected verses) (ESV)

P: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

C: nor discipline me in Your wrath!

P: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

C: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

P: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

C: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

P: I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

C: O Lord, all my longing is before You; my sighing is not hidden from You.

P: My heart throbs; my strength fails me,

C: and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

P: But for You, O LORD, do I wait;

C: it is You, O Lord my God, who will answer.

P: I confess my iniquity;

C: I am sorry for my sin.

P: Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord God, as we sang earlier, we “come to Calvary’s holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall.” We “come in poverty and meanness, come defiled, without, within.” We pray, “from infection and uncleanness, from the leprosy of sin,” wash our robes and make them white. Help us walk with You in light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

THE LENT RESPONSORY

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 HYMN #421 "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

THE SERMON "The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick"

Text: Matthew 8:1-17. When He came down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him. And behold, a leper came to Him and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, if You will, You can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched Him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them." When He entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to Him, appealing to Him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And He said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied,

“Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who followed Him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment. And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve Him. That evening they brought to Him many who were oppressed by demons, and He cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

THE HYMN #692 *“Praise to You and Adoration”*



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

(please stand)

THE PRAYERS

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For faith to receive our food from the Lord's hand with grateful hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. *(Silence for individual prayer.)*

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C: To You, O Lord.

The Collect for Peace

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.

The Lord's Prayer

THE BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

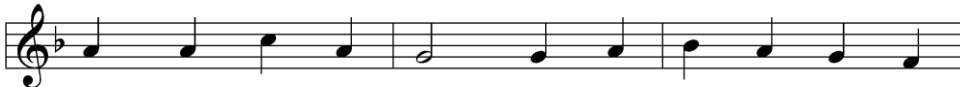
C: **Amen.**

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THE CLOSING HYMN "I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care" (LSB #885)



1 I lie, O Lord, with - in Your care, A -
2 Lord, You a - lone keep con - stant watch; My
3 When shad - ows fall, I will not dwell On
4 It is e - nough that You are near; I



wake or when I'm sleep - ing. Who - ev - er trusts in
rest - less heart You qui - et. When dark - ness fills the
trou - bles that dis - tress me, Nor let some pain - ful
need not now dis - cov - er What hid - den plans You



Your strong arms Is safe with - in Your keep - ing.
night with fear, I will by faith de - fy it.
mem - o - ry Em - bit - ter and op - press me.
have for me, My fu - ture's path un - cov - er.

**5 Tomorrow's road I cannot trace
Nor know what ills will meet me.
You only ask that I be still
And trust You there will greet me.**

**6 Each dawning day to which I wake
Will show Your hand still guiding
And ev'ry good my life requires
Your grace again providing.**

**7 Though troubles still may cloud the sky,
I'll see beyond them shining
A light to show some hidden way—
A way of Your designing.**

**8 Since You have gently touched my eyes,
I'll sleep through tears of sorrow.
Though long the night, my God, my friend,
Will be my guide tomorrow.**

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