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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO HOLINESS

Liturgist: Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Lily Polski

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"A holy life is not an ascetic, or gloomy, or solitary life, but a life regulated by divine truth and faithful in Christian duty. It is living above the world while we are still in it." — Tryon Edwards

"What is holiness except Christlikeness?" — John Stott

"Holiness is not only commanded by God's law, but it is made available by His grace!" — Kenneth Prior

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

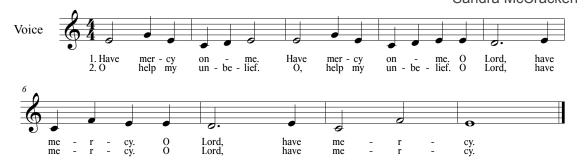
Today we come to yet another passage in the book of Genesis in which the depths of human sinfulness are surveyed, and yet again these deeps are witnessed not just in the lives of those who are outside of the faith (where we might expect it), but also inside the lives of those who are inside of the faith (where we might have hoped for better).

This struggle against the power of sin is what scripture refers to as the process of sanctification or, being made holy. Our confession of faith does a good job of outlining what the battle for sanctification involves so I thought it might be helpful for us to ponder it in advance of this difficult and painful passage that includes rape, deception, rage and even murder.

- 1. They, who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further **sanctified**, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them: the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts in them are more and more weakened and mortified; and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.
- 2. This **sanctification** is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part; from whence arise a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.
- 3. In this war, although the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail; yet, through the continual supply of strength from the **sanctifying** Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome; and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Song of Preparation

Have Mercy Sandra McCracken



- 3. Have mercy on us.
 - Have mercy on us.
 - O Lord, have mercy.
 - O Lord, have mercy.
- 4. O help our unbelief.
 - O help our unbelief.
 - O Lord, have mercy.
 - O Lord, have mercy.

Call to Worship—Psalm 36 (selected)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep;

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

People: For with you is the fountain of life; All: In your light do we see light.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson



Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing Trinity Hymnal #457

"Worship is the highest elevation of the spirit, and yet the lowliest prostration of the soul." – Charles H. Spurgeon

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—John 2:1-11

Jesus Performs His First Miracle

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of

the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—Isaiah 62:1-2

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Isaiah 62:3-4

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

Leader: Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, give thanks to God for

giving us a new name!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

[&]quot;Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." - Augustine

*Song of Rejoicing

The Church's One Foundation

Words: Samuel Stone. Music: Brian Moss



WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Sermon

"Violence, Voicelessness, and Vendetta" Genesis 34 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

O Great God

Words and Music by Bob Kauflin





THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Sursum Corda

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Words of Institution-Matthew 26:26-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

* Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Please note: Grape juice is in all the cups today)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Goodness of God

Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life; Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ. In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son; Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, one.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, in your grace, to make us strong, That, with all the saints before us, in good works we may press on! Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, pow'r and glory to your name! Amen, amen, amen, amen.

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes will resume on Jan. 30th.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Feb. 2nd and 4th. Pastor Polski will be leading a study of the Book of Acts.

Women's Bible Studies: We offer two options: two Tues. a month a group meets at Melissa Jorgensen's home at 7pm to discuss the Sermon on the Mount (beginning Jan. 11th). The Wednesday studies will resume on Jan. 26th with a look at the Book of Daniel.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries will resume on Jan. 26th.

Join a Small Group! Sign up on Church Center.

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Exploring Worship at Trinity Church

Have you ever wondered about why we worship the way we do or how worship gets planned or how we sort out which songs to sing and when? Join Pastor Polski and his wife Katie, Trinity's Music Director, for this eight-week exploration of worship beginning on Sun., Jan. 30. We will review the biblical parameters of worship, delve deeply into the way that worship is formed and walk through some of the controversial issues surrounding worship. (Fireplace Room).

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.

There are several easy ways to serve at Trinity. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved: Ushers: Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), Children's Church: Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), Greeters: Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), Nursery: Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.org).

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then <u>following the link</u>:



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