



Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church
Sunday Evening Worship & Prayer
May 2, 2021

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Hymn of Praise

In Evil Long I Took Delight
(tune: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*)

*1. In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,
Till a new object struck my sight,
And stopped my wild career.*

*2. I saw One hanging on a tree,
In agonies and blood,
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood.*

*3. Sure, never till my latest breath,
Can I forget that look;
It seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.*

*4. My conscience felt and owned the guilt,
And plunged me in despair,
I saw my sins His blood had spilt,
And helped to nail Him there.*

*5. Alas, I knew not what I did,
But now my tears are vain;
Where shall my trembling soul be hid?
For I the Lord have slain.*

*6. A second look He gave, which said,
"I freely all forgive;
This blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die that thou mayst live."*

*7. Thus, while His death my sin displays
In all its blackest hue,
Such is the mystery of grace,
It seals my pardon too.*

*8. With pleasing grief and mournful joy,
My spirit is now filled;
That I should such a life destroy,
Yet live by him I killed.*

Invocation

Leader (. 6): For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

People (v. 7): For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die--

All (v. 8): but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Lesson

James Ritchey, Pastoral Intern

Luke 23:39-43 – The Merciful Christ

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Hymn

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood #253

*1. There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.*

*2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away,
washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.*

*3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.*

*4. Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave,
lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave.*

*5. Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more,
be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.*

Season of Prayer

Children and youth may be dismissed at this time through the front sanctuary doors (adjacent to the stage) to go to their classes on the third floor.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:26-28)

For fruitbearing in Good Deeds in love

1. Titus 3:14 *And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.*
2. For the inward reality of love to be driving all we do
3. For our “daily bread” - jobs and provision for those in need in the church
4. For the willingness to use spiritual gifts and the increase of them for the good of the body: Teaching, mercy, administration, music, service, giving, hospitality, and many more.
5. For every need to be abundantly met - Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*
6. For the preaching and teaching of the Word to spur us on and that we would stir up one another on to love and good works. (Heb 10:24)
7. That our good deeds would adorn earnest and faithful evangelism and many would be saved.
8. For the Community Outreach Dinner and other works of mercy ministry in the church.

Missionaries Josiah & Miriam Walters: Due to rebel troop movements and political instability, please pray for peace in the country and for safety for the civilians who can so easily be caught in the literal and figurative cross-fire of these conflicts. Pray also for continued safety for us and for our colleagues and for wise decision-making. We're grateful to God that we have not been in any danger so far and have mostly been able to go about life as usual, continuing with language lessons.

For the Needs of the Saints

1. Pray for William Reasor as he mourns the loss of Tricia who died unexpectedly during the early morning on April 30. Pray for the Father of mercies and God of all comfort to draw near. Pray for the extended family.
2. Suanne Barlow's niece Lucy Naves as she faces chronic iritis. Please pray for faith and patience during this trial, for healing, and for wisdom for her new doctor.
3. Suanne Barlow's nephew, Nick Wyatt as he is deployed to an undisclosed location for 6 months. Please pray for protection and that the Lord would use this time to draw Nick to himself.
4. Maria Gigliotti's father in Stuart, FL as he is increasingly struggling mentally; hospitalized (and discharged) earlier this week after a fall. Please pray for peace and comfort for him as he has become more combative/resistant when receiving directions or offers for help, thus increasing the risk for falls. Please pray for his caretakers in this as well, and for Maria as she cares for him from a

distance. Also pray for Maria as she navigates difficult family dynamics that bring additional challenges to this trial with her father's health.

5. Jeff Endrulat's mother Shirley Hollenbaugh is fighting is likely in her last days. She is thankfully a believer. Please pray for Jeff and Beth as they care for her during this difficult time.
6. Praise for improvement for Jim Hess. Pray for Joyce as she continues to loving and sacrificially care for him.
7. Vania Palmer suffered a head injury at work. Please continue praying for recovery and equitable treatment from her employer.
8. Don Bennett's mother Marlene (cancer) and father Don, and Don and Hope as they care for them.
9. Pregnant mothers in our congregation
10. For an end to the pandemic and for strength and comfort for those who are struggling in the pandemic with job loss, financial stress, illness, isolation, hopelessness, anger, or bitterness.

Scripture Song

The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end,
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness (Oh Lord)
Great is Thy faithfulness*

Benediction

Sermon Notes