



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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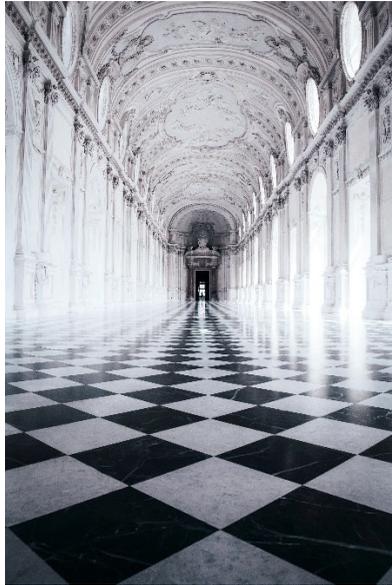


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Hatred is a painless anger; anger without vulnerability; anger without love. It offers us the opportunity to get good and enraged without exposing ourselves to all those difficult conversations, all that loss and pain and – perhaps worst of all – all the potential of being called upon to acknowledge ourselves as having been the bigger jerk. Hatred holds the badness of the other at arm’s length from oneself. It is condemnation without involvement or investment.

Each of us is on the lookout for safe spaces in which we can allow our hatred to flourish; we cultivate our garden of contempt, we surround it with walls of self-righteousness.

Agnes Callard, “The Emotion Police”

Lord’s Day Worship

JULY 12, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

LEADER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
People: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.
 LEADER: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
People: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*SONG

“All Creatures of Our God and King” <https://youtu.be/MUZDohgtSgE>

1.
 All creatures of our God and King
 Lift up your voice and with us sing
 O praise Him! Alleluia!
 Thou, burning sun with golden beam
 Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
 O praise Him! O praise Him!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2.
 Let all things their Creator bless
 And worship Him in humbleness
 O praise Him! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One
 O praise Him! O praise Him!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3.
 All the redeemed washed by His blood
 Come and rejoice in His great love

O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4.
He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION (CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism 26

Q. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have

mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners...He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

PASTORAL PRAYER

- That God would make us people who lament injustice, who long for peace and flourishing, and who pursue shalom in our city and world.
- We pray for the homeless, marginalized, and vulnerable in our city and region, particularly as they weather the pandemic. Help us to find ways to love and care for these as the people of God.
- We praise God for Carla Ellison's new grandson, Chadwick.
- We pray for Wanda Williams as she continues to care for Horace.
- We pray for Fran Halterman as she struggles with pain from a fractured pelvis. And for Vick as he cares for her.
- We pray for Marilyn Agee's recovery from cataract surgery.
- We pray for Karis Keating's recovery from the embolization procedure she underwent last week. We pray for Brad and Christy as they continue to care for her. We also pray for Christy's family, as they mourn the death of her father last week.

*BIBLE READING

Psalm 123

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maidservant
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Todd Gwennap

“Contempt”
Songs for the Road

*SONG

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” <https://youtu.be/S6Odk49ZvD4>

1.

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

2.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

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3.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee
Songs and praises,
I will ever give to Thee

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears
Bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears goodbye!

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*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20–21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip
you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is
pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

DOXOLOGY/DISSMISSAL

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