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how hate works (and how to deal with it)



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Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God lifts us from death to life
and preserves us for God's purposes
through the compassion of
Jesus Christ our Lord
and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil
to meet us in the midst of your purposed
journey for our lives.
Help us to recognize your presence,
remember your promise,
rely on your power, and receive your peace
through every storm. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

¹ Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. ² This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him... ¹² Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, ¹³ and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, ¹⁵ a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" ¹⁶ He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" ¹⁷ "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. ¹⁸ But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. ¹⁹ "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. ²⁰ "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." ²¹ When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. ²² "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. ²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

1. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
2. *Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
3. *To all life thou givest, to both great and small
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all,
who is generous to all who call upon him.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us!
We are intimidated by our circumstances,
distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears.
We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves.
We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams.
We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters,
feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive.
Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you
in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
No one who believes in him will be put to shame,
for everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord shall be saved.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us offer and receive the peace of Christ as a sign of
God's grace and assurance of forgiveness.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

God of favor and purpose,
You have clothed us with a robe of righteousness.
You have directed us to our destiny.
You are with us in our deepest pain, fear, and bewilderment.
You hear our cry when others turn a deaf ear and a cold heart.
You lift us from the depths of discouragement
and walk with us over the troubled waters of life.
We come to you now with confidence
on behalf of the church, the world, and all in need:
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For the family of God, our sisters and brothers
who belong to you throughout the world.
Save us, O Lord, we come to you.
For your church to fulfill its mission in the world,
showing mercy, proclaiming your good news.
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For peace and order to permeate your creation,
responding to your commands.
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For reconciliation among families, factions, and nations
living in envy and conflict.
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For those betrayed, beaten, thrown down, or abandoned,
those in bondage, fear, or distress.
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For the special needs of those whose names we remember now.
We pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud...
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For those who have crossed before us to the other side of life's lake.
Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

Clothe us with your favor and love;
inspire us with dreams from you.
Hold us up when we falter in the storm,
and bring us safely to your promised place of rest and release.
We pray it all in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God of our present trouble and
promised triumph,
Open our eyes to see you in the
midst of our struggles.
Open our ears to hear your words of
invitation and assurance.
Open our minds to recall your wonderful
works and miracles.
Open our hearts to glory in your name
and seek strength in your Word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

SERMON:

"How Hate Works (And How To Deal With It)"

Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

Apostle's Creed:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O Lord,
for your sustaining presence and abundant grace.
Receive now these gifts we bring to you
out of your generous provision in our lives.
May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine,
relieve the oppressed in time of trouble,
and proclaim everywhere the
good news of your Son,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

"Christ Be My Leader"

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- 1. Christ by my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.***
- 2. Christ by my teacher in age as in youth
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand,***
- 3. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me for he is the Life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.***

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Household Prayers

Morning

God of my destiny,
thank you for a new day in which your purpose will unfold.
Send me now as your servant to succor the suffering
and as your disciple to declare the good news of your Son.
Help me to remember during times of testing
that your word goes ahead of me and upholds me. Amen.

Evening

Son of God, this day has been crowded with work and service.
This evening, bring me alone with you to the mountain to pray.
Help me to know your reassuring presence with me
through the night hours.
May I come to you and rest in you. Amen.