



Trinity Church

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THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 26, 2023

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....FROM PSALM 30

Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints!

Give thanks to His holy name!

For His anger is but for a moment,

And His favor is for a lifetime!

You have turned our mourning into dancing!

You have loosed our sackcloth and clothed us with gladness,

That our glory may sing Your praise and not be silent.

O LORD, my God, we will give thanks to You forever!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE**COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY

MUSIC AND WORDS BY JOEL SCZEBEL AND PAT SCZEBEL

Come praise and glorify our God The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

**To the praise of Your glory To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory You are the God who saves**

Come praise and glorify our God Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise To God, the Three in One

SCRIPTURE READINGEXODUS 5

MINISTRY PARTNER UPDATE.....STAN & CONNIE BEASLEY

HYMN OF ADORATIONHE WILL HOLD ME FAST

WORDS: ADA HABERSON MUSIC: MATT MERKER

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**.....PROVERBS 28:13

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE**.....GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN No. 201

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE WOODY WATFORD

SERMON.....GENESIS 24:29-67

²⁹ Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran out toward the man, to the spring. ³⁰ As soon as he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and heard the words of Rebekah his sister, “Thus the man spoke to me,” he went to the man. And behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring. ³¹ He said, “Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.” ³² So the man came to the house and unharnessed the camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and there was water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. ³³ Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, “I will not eat until I have said what I have to say.” He said, “Speak on.”

³⁴ So he said, “I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.’ ³⁹ I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’ ⁴⁰ But he said to me, ‘The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send his

angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son from my clan and from my father's house. ⁴¹ Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.’

⁴² “I came today to the spring and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, ⁴³ behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also,” let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.’

⁴⁵ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.’ So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.”

⁵⁰ Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. ⁵¹ Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken.”

⁵² When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth before the LORD. ⁵³ And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. ⁵⁴ And he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, “Send me away to my master.” ⁵⁵ Her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” ⁵⁶ But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master.” ⁵⁷ They said, “Let us call the young woman and ask her.” ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.” ⁵⁹ So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“Our sister, may you become thousands of ten thousands,
and may your offspring possess the gate of those who hate him!”

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.⁶² Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. ⁶³ And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, “Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

SERMON NOTES

WORTHY IMITATION

GENESIS 24:29-67

PASSAGE OVERVIEW

IMITATE THE SERVANT'S:

PRAYER

PRAISE

PERSPECTIVE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**ANCIENT OF DAYS

WORDS & MUSIC: BOB KENOLY

Though the nations rage, Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

**None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days**

Though the dread of night Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see What the future brings
I will watch and wait For the Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

***BENEDICTION**

BULLETIN BOARD

TPC MISSIONARIES VISITING TODAY

Stan and Connie Beasley, who serve with MTW as missions mobilizers, are sharing an update on their ministry today. Stan and Connie identify and develop prospective MTW missionaries through connections with churches, presbyteries, colleges, seminaries, and individuals.

BRUSH BABB TO SHARE ABOUT TRIP TO PERU

Dr. Brush Babb will share an update on his recent trip to Peru on April 16 during Sunday school. Dr. Babb and former Trinity member Rotie Salley visited our ministry partners Keith and Ruth Powlison.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AND EASTER BREAKFAST PLANNED

A worship service that will include communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 6, at 6 pm. Come during the Sunday school hour on Easter Sunday for breakfast. Anyone interested in helping to cook or serve the meal is asked to contact Pastor John Mark.

FAITH PROMISE PLEDGES DUE APRIL 16

Faith Promise is an important way to support our missionaries above and beyond your regular giving. Faith promise cards are available on the information counter and we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. The Missions Committee uses these pledges to determine giving levels for our ministry partners for the year. Please place your completed Faith Promise card in the wooden box on the information counter by Sunday, April 16th.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Ed & Vicki Germann - serving with International Students, Inc. in the Southeast and Great Lakes regions.

Our Troops: pray for Hunter Warren who is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in FL and all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

Church of the week: Grace Coastal Presbyterian, Okatie; Jason Crenshaw, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Cheryl Walling: recovering at home after recent testing and hospitalization

Betty Lamigo: continued strength and stamina during her transition to hospice care

Wayne Walling: recovering at home after recent hospitalization and treatment completion

Joe Junquet: continued healing of his nerves

Melonie Anderson: recovering from surgery after badly broken wrist

Theresa Hickson: clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues

Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis

Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy

Linda Wells: neuropathy, improved stamina

Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

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CALENDAR

SUN 3/26	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 3/28	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN 4/2	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EXODUS 6	EXODUS 7	EXODUS 8	EXODUS 9	EXODUS 10	EXODUS 11-12

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HERE!**

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