
WORSHIP AT HOME

Welcome



Jesus says, Where your treasure is there your heart shall be also. Paul says his treasure is in Christ who is seated at the right hand of the Father. Worldly people find treasure in “demonstration”. They clothe themselves in Labels. Labels demonstrate their ethical and moral values to be right, good, and superior. The word demonstration contains the spirit of the Deceiver, Demons

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Hymn of Illumination: Christ Loves the Church, UMH 590

Christ loves the church, with grace beyond all measure. We bear his name, for the world to see. He will not let us go our let us be, but chooses earthen vessels for his treasure.

Prayer

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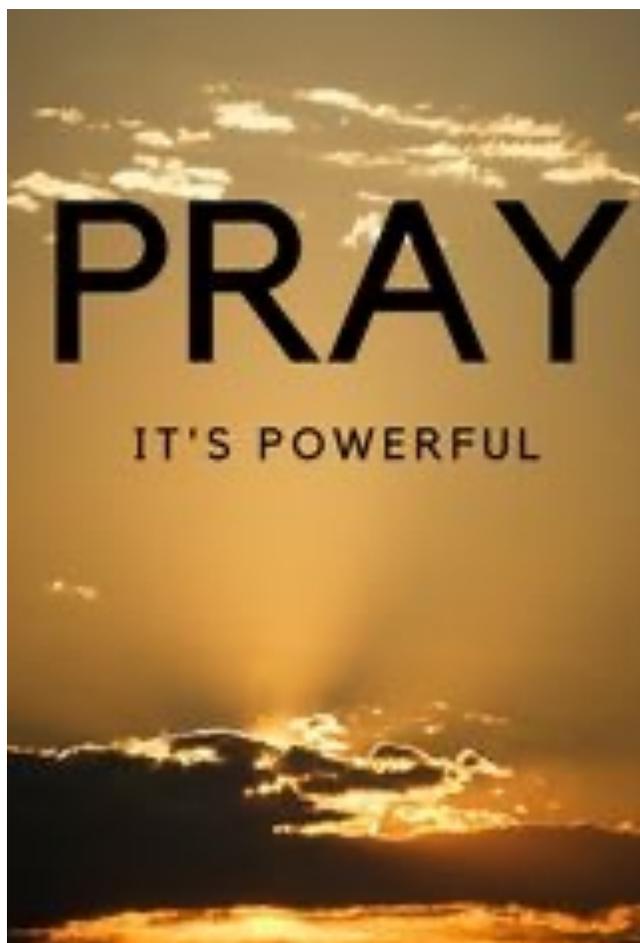
Father, let me see my heart through the eyes of Christ. Let me see my "earthly nature." Show me when and with whom I have acted morally superior, filled with greed and evil desires.

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Father, let me hear Jesus response as he suffered people moral superiority, greed and evil desires. "Father, forgive place your name here, he/she does not know what they are doing.

Courage is also what it takes to see self through the heart of Christ. Faith is what it takes to listen to Jesus' words of mercy and treasure them in your heart-soul-mind.



Ask the Father to lead you not into temptation but to let you rest in His mercy. In his mercy be aware of the temptations of evil to curse your neighbor. The measure you receive is the measure you will give. In all measures be thankful that God's mercy is greater than any evil driven curse.

Reflection: Use this guided prayer each day this week. Remember, prayer doesn't change God. Prayer changes the spiritual treasure of the human heart-soul-mind. Tell a trusted friend about the treasures God revealed in your heart-soul-mind. Such humility opens our eyes and ear to see self and neighbor through the treasure in Jesus' heart.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Christ Loves the Church, verse 2

Christ bears the church, corrupted or conforming, obsessed with trifles, blessing greed and war. His love out-wits us, spinning gold from straw, through saints and prophets, praying and reforming.

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3: 1-7

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.[b] **7** You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

Homily

What turns protest into demonstration?

The dictionary defines "protest" as a statement or action that expresses disapproval or rejection. In Exodus 3: 7 we hear what God says about protest. ***The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.***

I am using the word "demonstration" to illustrate the way or spirit of the world. The spirit of the world creates suffering. God is "concerned about (our) suffering." The Good News of Jesus Christ declares: The Son of Man suffered, sin. The Son of Man Died, the due penalty of sin. The Son of Man rose again to Life.

God hears the protest of Black Lives. God hears the protest surrounding Covid 19, sexism, gender inequality, slavery and oppression cloaked in entitlements. God hears the protest on all sides of Church Closure, Constitutional Amendments, healthcare, living wage...

God hears our cries. God is concerned about our suffering. The cries of suffering and protest rise out of the spirit of the World who is deceived and led by the Demon-spirit of Satan.

Last week I laid out Satan's way of deception. Satan is spirit. Spirit cannot be seen, yet spirit has power, energy, force, and influence. Look at the wind. You cannot see the wind. You see its power, energy, force, or influence. Now, look at the suffering in our world, nation, church, community, and families. Spiritual forces are a work. Satan's demon-spirit leads us into the temptation of doubt, that becomes a spirit of proof, that leads to reflecting the image of Satan, evil.

Satan tempts us to doubt God's nature. Doubt is so prevalent we may be deaf and blind to its power, presence, and influence. Listen to the spirit of the doubter: "If God was loving, God would not allow suffering." "What sin have you committed that God would cause you to suffer..." "I cannot trust a God who allows suffering."

Once doubt deafens our ears, The Tempter begins blinding our eyes with demands for proof. "God prove yourself, give me a sign." "God, if you are real you will do what I ask." The doubter has no problem with believing. The Doubter wants Proof. Proof blinds our hearts and minds from Faith. Faith is never about us. Faith is always about trusting the lord(s) whom we treasure in our hearts. Committing evil worships Satan. Cursing a neighbor worship the World. Blessing those who curse us and commit all kinds of evil is what John Gospel calls worship in Spirit and Truth.

So you want a sign! Look at the Cross. You want proof that God cares about those who suffer! Listen to Jesus' while he Suffers. Faith is led by the spirit of mercy. The faithful tend to the suffering with a spirit of Grace. Faith reveals the true nature of God. God is unconditional Love. Love is the only Spirit who has the power, energy, force and influence to bind all things together as ONE.

So why is it so hard to find a community led by the Spirits of Mercy, Grace, and Love? Listen to Paul explain: "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming."

Do we not understand that Jesus was judged, condemned, and crucified in and through our "earthly nature"? Listen to the protesters. Listen to the Church's replies. When shall we comprehend that the religious leaders, rulers of the world, power, and authorities judged and condemned Jesus to death by using the Law of Moses to serve the Spirit of the World.

Friends we are saved by grace, through faith in the treasures that flows from the heart of Christ. Jesus' spirit of mercy trumps the World's spirit of judgement. The spirit of love is the power, energy, force, and influence of God's presence in suffering.

Ethics, morals, and values reflect the right and good of humanity. The Cross is the sign given the doubters demand. Jesus' suffering is proof that God hears the protesters and is with them. On Palm Sunday the protesters cried "Blessed is the one who comes in the

name of the Lord.” They blessed the very one set to suffer the Curse and free us from Evil. On Good Friday the protesters Cursed the Son of God and turned to their protest into the evil- demonic demonstration. This is why scripture , in other places, commands us to test every spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in the test of discernment. I will ask the Holy Spirit to do the same in me! Let us work out our own salvation. The same Spirit that was in Christ is in all.

Now is the time to let Satan and the World know where we sit and take the stand. We are Citizens of Heaven. Today is the day of repentance. Today is the day to have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus while he suffered. Today is the day to take off the old clothes of ethics, morals, and values to reveal our Citizenship in Heaven. Put the royal robe of Love on your heart-soul- mind Today is the day to take off the old shoes of judgement to walk in Jesus’ sandals of Mercy. Today is the day to take off “anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from (our) lips to clothe our brokenness with Grace that Blesses those who curse us.

In the name of Christ, let us bless those who curse us. The curse is the treasure in their hearts. In the name of Christ, let us love our enemies who commit evil of all kinds. The Evil is the treasure in their hearts. Let us bless those who curse us and love our enemies. Then and only then will Satan flee, at least until another opportunity arises. Then we will have eyes to see those counted as cursed and those afflicted with evil afflicted draw near to the blessed Holy-flame of Love that purifies, heals, and makes all things in the heavens and earth One, just as God created it in God’s Oneness.

Live as Citizens of Heaven. Do it today, don’t wait. God is with the suffering. Yes, YOU! We are sent from as Citizens of Heaven to Earth to let the suffering experience what happens when God is received and trusted! Be the sign. Bear your cross. Live by faith. Walk in the light of mercy. Be the living, breathing, speaking blessing who testifies to Grace Greater than all Sin!

Amen.

Hymn of Affirmation: Christ Loves the Church, verses 3-4

Christ feeds the church, and fills us with a vision, through praise and preaching, wine and broken bread, of sharing people, doing what they said, who wins the worlds respect, or opposition.

Christ need the church, to live and tell his story, to praise and love and marvel at his trust, till, bathed in light, awakened from the dust, we walk with God, a-live in grace and glory.

Benediction

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