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UNOFFENDABLE
GIVING UP YOUR "RIGHT" TO BE ANGRY
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We Christians often think we are entitled to be angry. We are angry with the way people mistreat us. We are offended by sinful lifestyles in our society. But are we entitled to this anger? What if Christians were the most unoffendable people on the planet? Could it be that giving up our right to be angry over every and any offense could be our greatest witness to the power of Jesus Christ in our lives?



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card so we can provide God's people here at St. Paul's with the best spiritual care. You can also fill out the card online by scanning the QR Code on the left.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 255, VV. 1, 3, 5

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

**Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;
Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

HOLY BAPTISM (Sunday 8:00 am)

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In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus invites us, who are weary and burdened by our sin, to come to him and find rest for our souls. Let us, therefore, confess our sins to him, so that we may find renewal and strength in his forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

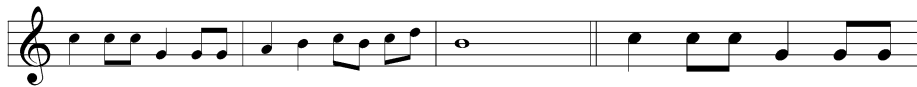
God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Father God, you have enriched our lives in every way in Christ Jesus.

We are grateful for your love and compassion, for your Word and sacraments, and for the guidance your Word of truth brings to our lives.

Give us compassionate, merciful, forgiving hearts like yours, O Lord,
that we may be faithful witnesses to your gospel love.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now, and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

James 1:19-27, Bible page 1216

James warns us that human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 103, Hymnal page 105

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11, Bible page 1072

*The woman had been caught in the act! Didn't the Pharisees have a "right" to be offended?
Haven't we often played the role of the Pharisee?*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 365, vv. 1, 2

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

**Love divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us your humble dwelling, All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion, Boundless mercy from above.
Visit us with benediction; Comfort us with heav'nly love.**

**Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.
We would ever seek your blessing, Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray and praise you without ceasing, Glory in your perfect love.**

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

**Sanctify your new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us trust your great salvation, Won for us on Calvary,
Till we lay our crowns before you, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till in glory we adore you, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

INSTALLATION AND FAREWELL OF CHURCH OFFICERS (*Sunday 8:00 am*)

Creed Darling (President)
Nick Bauman (Treasurer)
Kevin McSwain (At-Large)
Andy Timm (At-Large)
Vince Kirchoff (At-Large)

We say farewell and thanks to the following:

Ben Garbe
Kevin Krueger
Steve Meyer

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son.

Through him we have confidence to enter your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.

Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works.

Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need. Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

Strengthen our faith so that we unfailingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.

Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

Special prayers and intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives, **knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.**

Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 493

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us;
How great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take on our flesh and to die for us on the cross.

Empower us to follow Christ's example of humility and patience, and give us opportunities to share the hope that we have found in him;

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.