Sunday March 30, 2025

Genesis 33:1-17



Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: the Dawn of a Covenant

The Divine and the Christ in Esau and Jacob

"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

-Matthew 6:7-15

"Everyone says that forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive." -C.S. Lewis

But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

-Genesis 33:9-11

Order of Worship

Welcome & Update

Prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you **People: And also with you**

Call to Worship: from Isaiah 12

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord, You have comforted us.

People: The Lord, the Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted.

All: Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known In all the earth. Shout along and sing for joy, people of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Hymns of Praise

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead; His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection

Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart:
his wounds have paid my ransom

Prayer for the World, the Church & the City

Confession

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 neighbours 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.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 62:5-8

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be

shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

Hymn of Assurance

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father, so tender, is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment, His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Tithes and Offerings

credit card and other options such as e-transfers are available via mail@gracevancouver.com

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture - Genesis 33:1-17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today- Mike Hsu

Sermon Title: The Divine and the Christ in Esau and Jacob

Sermon Outline

- 1. Jacob's New Posture of Heart as Esau Approaches
- 2. The Forgiveness of Esau as Divine
- 3. Honouring God without Dishonouring Jacob's Brother
- 4. Jacob as the Christ-Figure

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

We Will Dance

Sing a song of celebration Lift up a shout of praise For the bridegroom will come The glorious one And oh we will look on his face We'll go to a much better place

Dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy
The time's drawing near
When he will appear
And oh we will stand by his side
A strong, pure, spotless bride

We will dance on the streets that are golden The glorious bride and the great son of man From every tongue and tribe and nation Will join in the song of the lamb

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Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near (echo)
The risen king, our groom, is soon to appear (echo)
The wedding feast to come, is now near at hand (echo)
Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming lamb (echo)

Benediction: 2 Cor 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

Announcements

- 1. Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7-7:45 pm.
- 2. Prayer requests & Tithes. Please send to mail@gracevancouver.com
- 3. AGM- April 6 (No Soup and Bread)
- 4. Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ- April 12 @7:30pm
- 5. INKS Dinner at the Hsu's home on April 13
- 6. Good Friday service- March 18 at 7:30pm
- 7. Easter Potluck after the service on April 20
- 8. Hospitality Sign-Up sheet on back table.

Tithes

2024 Annual Budget \$250,000 2025 Annual Budget TBA Giving Last Week \$950

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