

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Sent One, Genesis
44:18-45:15 - Bradley Bell

June 26, 2022

Genesis 37-50: Worst Thing,
Best Thing

Length in mins

0:00 Call to Worship - 1 Chronicles 16:28-36

It may not seem like it, but every time we gather as a church, it is a form of protest. We are declaring that evil and death, suffering and loss, sorrow and tears will not have the final word. We are refusing the lie that God is good only when life is good. Instead, we come defiantly clinging to God's words about himself rather than our own words.

So let us prepare our hearts and minds and bodies for this joyful protest, by quoting at length from 1 Chronicles 16. And if you believe them, speak the underlined portions with me:

28 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

30 tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

32 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it!

33 Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

Congregation:

34 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

35 Say also:

Congregation:

"Save us, O God of our salvation,
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

36 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!"

Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord. 1 Chronicles 16:28-36

Amen church? Let's praise the Lord!

0:00 *You Are Good* [Default Arrangement in G]

**Length
in mins**

0:00 Confession - James 5:16

In the book of James we are commanded,

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

Even in the course of a normal week, all of us at times sin against and wound others, by things we have done, and things we have left undone. This often reflects the very opposite of God's character: merciless, graceless, quick to anger, and abounding in selfishness and neglect. Where have you wounded another this week?

Even if the Holy Spirit brings nothing specific to mind at this time, I invite you to make this your prayer for the proper time:

I confess, O God, that I have wounded another,
and for this I repent.

Even as you used for good what Joseph's
brothers had intended for evil, O Lord,
so may the painful consequences I have set
in motion in the lives of others
be somehow redeemed by your providence.

For their sake, O Lord, grant them the grace
of true forgiveness and the freedom
that would follow from it.
Let them continue their journey
toward you unhindered.

And let me rise from this conviction
and confession wiser in my faith,
more intentional in my love for others,
less likely to choose the dried husk of selfishness
when next tempted toward sin.

Forgive me, O Lord, lest I despair.
Restore me, lest I be far from you.
For your pardon alone
is sufficient for our healing. Amen.

Adapted from "A Liturgy for Those Who Have Done Harm"

0:00 *Sovereign Over Us* [Default Arrangement in B]

0:00 *We Are Listening* [Real Arrangement in C]

0:00 **Sermon - Genesis 44:18-45:15**

0:00 **Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

0:00 *Psalm 126* [Default Arrangement in C]

0:00 *Man Of Sorrows* [Default Arrangement in C]

**Length
in mins**

0:00 Benediction - Acts 2:23; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - This gathering is only a secondary part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week in order for us to grow in the context of deep relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also now is our time for giving—ushers please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning please grab a visitor card from the basket so that we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat, and the pen is yours to keep.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the next steps (which first and always include specific ways you can serve—we encourage you to see the servant's wall in the hallway after the gathering as there are numerous new needs listed there):

1) 9 AM Classes - Our current adult 9 AM class is a study through the letter of Galatians. Childcare is provided.

2) Multi-cultural Gathering - On July 10th we will join with Asha Church for a multi-cultural Sunday gathering in English and Nepali. That day we'll be celebrating the installation of a new pastor at Asha and will share a potluck meal afterward. Please note, this will be at 11:00 AM instead of our normal time.

3) Family Meeting - Our annual mid-year family meeting (that is, for covenant members) will be on the evening of Sunday, July 24th. According to our polity, if there are any orders of business you'd like to be discussed at the Family Meeting, please contact one of the pastors in advance of the meeting.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Church, Jesus Christ was killed and crucified by the hands of lawless people like us, but he was delivered over to it and raised up from it by the definite plan and foreknowledge of God. Therefore, ministers of reconciliation, may you go into the world as living proof that God can take the very worst things and bring about the very best things. Based on Acts 2:23; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

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

Let's say this together: We are sent.

0:00