

## The Woman Caught in Adultery

7 <sup>53</sup> Then each of them went home, 8 <sup>1</sup> while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, <sup>4</sup> they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. <sup>5</sup> Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service. We also thank:

**Altar Guild:** The Thompson Family

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**Liturgist:** Joanna Olin

**Overflow Room:** Brian Crawford

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‡ This is **Michael Rust's** favorite hymn because:

"I wish I had the words to describe the feeling I get when we sing this song during worship. I'm sure it is in part due to the widespread familiarity with the hymn, which means many people are able to join their voices together in a soaring rendition. But it is also probably due to the themes of mercy and redemption, which speak very clearly to my soul."



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



**Celebrate** God's love

**Nurture** relationships with God and one another

**Serve** our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Share your LIGHT with the world!



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27, 2020

\* Stand if you are able ✨ See words to the right † See words on the back

(A Time of Gathering: 10:20 a.m.)

**Organ Prelude:** "Aria" A. Carter

## Introduction & Prayer Updates

(Livestream Begins: 10:30 a.m.)

**Prelude:** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" arr. L. Line  
Chad Thompson, piano; Anna-Lee and Catherine Thompson, handchimes

### • Lighting of Candles

## Welcome & Announcements

**Introit:** "He's Got the Whole World" M. Hogan  
Regina Krawiec, soprano

### \*Call to Worship: ✨

**Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" † Merrill Shepard, voice & guitar  
(At this time there is no singing, however, we invite you to hum along.)

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Reflection: ✨

### Words of Assurance: ✨

### Lord's Prayer: ✨

**Special Music:** "None Like You" C. Courtney

**Scripture Reading: †** John 7:53-8:11

**Sermon:** "Accepting Forgiveness"

**Closing Response:** "Deep Peace" J. Rutter

### Benediction:

**Postlude:** "Procession Alegre" G. Cornell

## WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

### • Bold Items Are the Congregation's Part

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (adapted from Psalm 130, *submitted by Stuart Strachan Jr.*)

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, Lord;

**People: Lord, hear our voices. Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.**

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

**People: With our whole being we will wait for the Lord. In God's word we put our hope.**

Leader: We wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

**People: For with the Lord is unfailing love and with God is full redemption. God will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT RELECTION:

**Dear God, we confess that too often we get caught up in the whining and grinding of life's daily tasks, unresponsive to your presence and grace. We forget to speak a word of gratitude, or to include you in our plans, or to willfully consider your words of wisdom and mercy which invite us to love and forgive, as you have forgiven us. It has become much easier to set aside our calling to serve you and others, than to give of ourselves to your ways of generosity. It has become much easier to look at the imperfections of others, than to recognize our need for your grace. Forgive us, we pray. Embolden us to live free of prejudice, blaming, and condemnation. Help us to live as people of mercy and justice. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** (Based on Exodus 17, by Shelley Cunningham)

### (Non-Responsive)

Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away. Hear these words of forgiveness. Be strengthened to walk as disciples of mercy and justice. Trust in God's love. Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**