



The Lord's Day ~ March 21, 2021

God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* Praising God in Song

Before the Throne of God Above

Voice

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect
 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
 Be - hold him there! The ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous -

plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
 in, up - ward I look, and see Him there, who made an end to all my
 ness; the great un - change a ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 grace! Oh! One with him I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with his

heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands, God's love will ne - ver de -
 free, for God the Just is sa - tis - fied, to look on him and par - don
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

part, God's love will ne - ver de - part.
 me, to with Christ on my Sav - ior and par - don my God.

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* Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Confessing Our Sin to God

Our gracious God and heavenly Father, how we struggle to comprehend Jesus' meekness as He faced the injustices of His enemies. In our own lives, we magnify the littlest acts of unfairness and loudly demand our rights. When others insult us, we think we're justified in responding harshly. We retaliate when others wrong us, believing that if we don't, we'll show weakness that will make us easy targets later on. We think that if we don't stick up for ourselves, no one else will, failing to entrust ourselves to You, the One Who judges justly.

Forgive us for not following in Christ's footsteps; heal us, O Lord, by His wounds. Take away our guilt for thinking that we can avoid what Jesus endured. Make us more like Christ, the Lamb Who let Himself be led to the cross for our salvation. Give us grace to follow the direction of our Shepherd, Who calls us back from our sinful straying and guides us in the way of life eternal. And may the Spirit of Jesus produce a meekness in us which brings forth the fruits of peace and righteousness in our families, friendships, church, and community. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

God Forgives by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Taking Our Requests to God in Prayer

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

Voice

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

7 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and

15 Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

- ¹³“With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.
¹⁴If he tears down, none can rebuild; if he shuts a man in, none can open.
¹⁵If he withholds the waters, they dry up; if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land.
¹⁶With him are strength and sound wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his.
¹⁷He leads counselors away stripped, and judges he makes fools.
¹⁸He looses the bonds of kings and binds a waistcloth on their hips.
¹⁹He leads priests away stripped and overthrows the mighty.
²⁰He deprives of speech those who are trusted and takes away the discernment of the elders.
²¹He pours contempt on princes and loosens the belt of the strong.
²²He uncovers the deeps out of darkness and brings deep darkness to light.
²³He makes nations great, and he destroys them; he enlarges nations, and leads them away.
²⁴He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth
and makes them wander in a trackless waste.
²⁵They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man.

Matthew 27:26-31

- ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.
²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

“Delivered Over”

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Matthew recorded Jesus' treatment by the Roman soldiers in meticulous and shocking detail. Through the Spirit's inspiration, what does he want us to learn?

Plan

Perversity

Pain

Passivity

* Responding to God's Grace in Song

Come and See

Voice

Come and see, come and see, come and see the King of love; see the
 Come and weep, come and mourn for your sin that held Him there; so much
 Man of heav'n, born to earth to re - store us to Your heav'n. Here we

pur - ple robe and crown of thorns He wears. Sold - iers mock, ru - lers sneer as He
 deep - er than the wounds of thorn and nail. All our pride, all our greed, all our
 bow in awe be - neath Your search - ing eyes. From Your grief, comes our joy, from Your

lifts the cru - el cross; lone and friend-less now He climbs to - wards the hill. We
 fall - en - ness and shame; and the Lord has laid the pun - ish - ment on Him.
 death our life shall spring; by Your re - sur - rec - tion pow - er we shall rise.

wor-ship at Your feet, where wrath and mer-cy meet, and a guil-ty world is washed by love's pure

12
 stream. For us He was made sin, O, help me take it in. Deep

15
 wounds of love cry out 'Fa - ther, for - give.' I wor - ship, I wor - ship the

19
 Lamb Who was slain.

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* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing

A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

*Please stand if able

Announcements

- After worship, enjoy fellowship downstairs, and then join us at 11:30 for Sunday School. The Adult Class meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Elementary Class (led by Amy Pisani) in Rm 102, the Middle School Class (led by Kurt Schumacher) in Rm 209, and the High School Class (led by Eric Runion) in Rm 300. Masks are needed while moving around the building, but may be removed when seated. Adult Sunday School is currently a **Sermon Forum**, during which the elders will lead a discussion to deepen our understanding & application of the sermon scripture passage.
- Please join us at 6 PM for our online **Sunday Evening Devotional**. Tonight we'll study 2 Timothy 3:12-17 on the theme "Reasons to Continue".
- The **Wednesday Devotional** this week will be online only.
- Please join us at 6 PM on April 2 for our **Good Friday Service**. In addition to being in-person, we plan to live-stream the service.
- With an extra Wednesday in March (which also happens to be during school break week), we're going to have a **Game Night** on March 31 from 6:45 to 8 for all the kids and youth of the church.
- Helping with this morning's service are: Cathy Beich and Eliot Giebel (musicians), Dan Lash (usher), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

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