



The Lord's Day ~ March 7, 2021

God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Galatians 1:3-5

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
⁴who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father,
⁵to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

* Praising God in Song

See the Destined Day Arise

Voice

1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a will - ing sac - ri -
2. Who but Christ had darèd to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of
3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to

4
fice! Je - sus, to re - deem our loss, hangs u - pon the shame - ful
pain, and with ten - der bod - y bear thorns and nails and pierc - ing
place all our trust for life re - newed, par - doned sin, and prom - ised

8
cross; Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and jus - tice
spear? Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, min - gled from Your side with
good. Grant us grace to sing Your praise, 'round Your throne through end - less

12
fair? Ev - 'ry pang and bit - ter throe, fin - ish - ing Your life of woe? Hal - le -
blood; sign to all at - test - ing eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
days, ev - er with the sons of light: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!"

17
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners - slain! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

22
lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise Your name!

I believe that Christ Jesus,
 ⁶being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something he grasped,
 ⁷but made himself nothing,
 taking the very nature of a servant,
 being made in human likeness.
⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!
⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
 ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 ¹¹and every tongue confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

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.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

"What People Want, What God Wants"

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Matthew repeatedly contrasts the uprightness of Jesus, God's beloved Son, with the evil of representatives of corrupt humanity. Here Matthew reveals humanity's shameful desires.

The religious leaders desired fame and respect; they wanted what Jesus had (27:18).

Pilate desired gain towards his goals; he wanted what Jesus could acquire for him (27:24).

21; see also Acts 3:14-15).

But God desires to save sinners; he wants what Jesus accomplished to bless all who turn from wickedness (Acts 3:19 & 26).

Jesus Invites Us to His Table

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Jesus Calls on Us to Partake Worthily

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Receiving the Bread & Cup in Faith

Luke 22:19-20 & Matthew 26:28

“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood...which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

* Responding to God's Grace in Song

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss 'til now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153
 tr. Paul Gerhardt, 1656
 tr. James W. Alexander, 1830

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

* 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 3:6-9 on the theme "Predatory Preachers".
- The Wednesday Devotional this week will be online only.
- Save the date: **OPC Missionary Sam Folta** will be visiting with us on Saturday, March 20th at noon to talk about his work. It's a wonderful privilege to hear from those who faithfully minister the Gospel to the nations, and we hope many will join us for Sam's presentation.
- Helping with this morning's service are: Julie Runion (accompanist), Dan Lash (usher), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

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