

# The Lord's Day ~ March 21, 2021

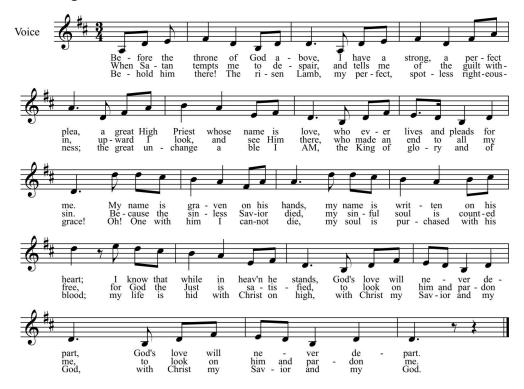
# God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Romans 8:38-39

<sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor 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



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\* Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>He 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. <sup>25</sup>For 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.

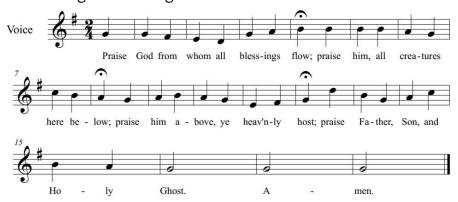
God Forgives by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ

1 Peter 3:18

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



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

#### Matthew 27:26-31

<sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. <sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and 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!" <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And 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"  March 21, 2021
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



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### \* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing



#### 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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