

Good Friday ~ April 2, 2021

God Calls Us to Worship

* Praising God in Song

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted 1. Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the tree! 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his? 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup-pose the e - vil great 4. Here we have а firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost; 'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis-tress; here may view its na-ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate. our sal - va - tion, his the name Christ's the Rock of of which we boast. 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord; man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save; Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load; Lamb of God, for sin-ners wound-ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word. the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave. but the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God. 'tis None shall ev - er be con-found - ed who on him their hope have built. Thomas Kelly, 1804 O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN 8.7.8.7.D alt. 1961 Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850

Isaiah 53:4-5

* Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

Confessing Our Sinfulness to God

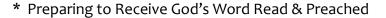
Adapted from The Precious Blood in The Valley of Vision

Blessed Lord Jesus, kneeling before your cross I can finally grasp the true weight of my sin, the iniquity that caused you to be made a curse and provoked divine wrath. Show me the enormity of my guilt by bringing to my mind your crown of thorns, your pierced hands and feet, your bruised body, and your dying cries. Your blood is the blood of incarnate God, its worth limitless, its value beyond all measure. Infinite must be my evil and guilt to require such a price for my salvation! I confess that sin is my malady, my monster, my enemy: born in my birth, alive in my life, woven into my character, dominating my faculties, following me like a sinister shadow, injecting itself into my every thought--a chain seeking to hold me captive. Sinner that I am, why should the sun give me light, the air supply breath, the earth tolerate my footsteps—O Savior, why should I receive any good from your hand? Yet your compassion yearns over me, your heart runs to my rescue, and your mercy bore my deserved wounds at Calvary. And so, because of your grace alone, let me walk humbly before you and my neighbor, always tender of conscience and yet by faith triumphing gloriously as an heir of salvation. Amen.

God Forgives by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ

1 John 1:7b

The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed



Isaac Watts, 1707 alt. 1961 MARTYRDOM C.M. Hugh Wilson, 1800 arr. Robert A. Smith, 1825 God Speaks through His Word

Matthew 27:45-61

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

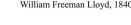
⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

"Dying to Save"
Salvation accomplished
Salvation pictured
Salvation applied

* Responding to God's Word



* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing





*Please stand if able