



The Lord's Day ~ March 14, 2021

Preparing to Worship God

from Bach's **St. Matthew Passion**

*"Have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, my God. Let my tears persuade thee.
Look on me, look on me, how my heart doth weep for thee bitterly.
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, my God. Let my tears persuade thee."
(Peter's expression of sorrow upon hearing the rooster crow after his denial of Jesus)*

God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Galatians 6:14

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world

Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

* Praising God in Song

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - 'reign die!
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
• when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4.

Isaac Watts, 1707
alt. 1961

MARTYRDOM C.M.
Hugh Wilson, 1800
arr. Robert A. Smith, 1825

¹Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²**The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,**

³“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴**He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷**I will tell of the decree:**

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹**You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”**

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹**Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.**

¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Taking Our Requests to God in Prayer

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

Voice

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

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.

Acts 4:23-31

²³When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’--

²⁷for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

“A Vast Conspiracy, Doomed to Fail”

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Matthew carefully paralleled Christ's trials before the religious leaders and Pilate to show that the whole world conspired to oppose God by condemning His Son.

The conspiracy's agents

The conspiracy's goal

The conspiracy's method

The conspiracy's targets

The conspiracy's failure

The conspirators' hope

* Responding to God's Grace in Song

O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord

1. O Christ, our King, Cre - a - tor, Lord, Sav - ior of
 2. In thy dear cross a grace is found (it flows from
 3. Thou didst cre - ate the stars of night; yet thou hast
 4. When thou didst hang up - on the tree, the quak - ing
 5. Now in the Fa - ther's glo - ry high, great Con - qu'ror,

all who trust thy Word, to them who seek thee
 ev - 'ry stream - ing wound) whose pow'r our in - bred
 • veiled in flesh thy light, hast deigned a mor - tal
 earth ac - knowl - edged thee; when thou didst there yield
 nev - er - more to die, us by thy might - y

ev - er near, now to our prais - es bend thine ear.
 sin con - trols, breaks the firm bond, and frees our souls.
 • form to wear, a mor - tal's pain - ful lot to bear.
 up thy breath, the world grew dark as shades of death.
 pow'r de - fend, and reign through a - ges with - out end.

Gregory the Great, ca. 540-604
 tr. Ray Palmer, 1858

OMBERSLEY L.M.
 William Henry Gladstone, 1840-1891

* 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 3:10-13 on the theme "You're Being Watched".
- **Kids' Club & Youth Group** are this Wednesday at 7 PM. The **Wednesday Devotional** this week will be both online and in-person.
- **OPC Missionary Sam Folta** will be visiting with us this coming 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. A light lunch will be served after the presentation; if you plan to attend and would like to stay for lunch, please let Pastor Kisler or Jan van der Jagt know by Wednesday.
- Helping with this morning's service are: Charlotte Giebel (accompanist), Dan Lash (usher), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

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Students and Adults needed for Flower City Work Camp!

Student deadline: extended to this Saturday, March 13!
www.flowercityworkcamp.org/student-app/

Adult leader deadline: Friday, March 19
www.flowercityworkcamp.org/volunteer-app/

Leaders support student workers on:

- 1) work sites,
- 2) Sidewalk Clubs,
- 3) Agency sites
such at Heritage Christian Homes,
- 4) Coaches for Sports camps
(Soccer or basketball)

We need one more adult leader to cover our 5 students.

Other adult worker options:

One evening support person to be with our campers, Chef for the West side camp, kitchen staff for lunch and dinner, roving experts to assist construction projects, gophers to bring supplies to work sites as needed (pick-up truck is helpful), merchandise coordinator, nurses, doctors, EMT's or LPN's (no overnights), security helpers,

Contact Charlotte Giebel with questions: giebeld@gmail.com

Cornerstone has joined Care Portal!

“Connected by Technology, Powered by People, Led by God”

Care Portal is an international organization which helps church members make connections with children and families in crisis via the Social Services agencies. A major goal is to keep biological families intact.

At this point, in Rochester, it operates only at the first tier level, which is helping with physical needs.

How it works:

After a child welfare worker has visited a family in crisis and identified a physical need, the worker sends a request to Care Portal, which then emails basic information to the enrolled churches via the “point person.”

If the point person discerns that the need can be met, the request is accepted and the details are made known to members who are “on the team.” In our case, our deacons will be supporting the cost of this assistance within predetermined guidelines. As we want to reach out to our church neighborhood, we are limiting our assistance to the 14616 zip code.

Examples of requests:

- Gift cards for clothing stores so a child in foster care can dress appropriately for school.
- Baby mattress
- Used furniture to enable a family to move into a home and receive their children back from foster care.

What can you do?

- Join the team! (Charlotte Giebel has been designated the “point person” but she needs others who can help with the purchases and deliveries.)
- Purchase the needed products if applicable and receive reimbursement from the deacons.
- Take the help to the family. Personal delivery of the needed items requires volunteers who would like to offer this help in the name of the Lord and our church. We are preparing leaflets to introduce the church and welcome the family’s participation.
- Pray for this effort on the part of about twenty Rochester churches that we would be representing the hands and feet of Jesus as we reach out to needy families.

[Learn more at careportal.org](http://careportal.org)