



The Lord's Day ~ March 28, 2021

God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Luke 19:28-40

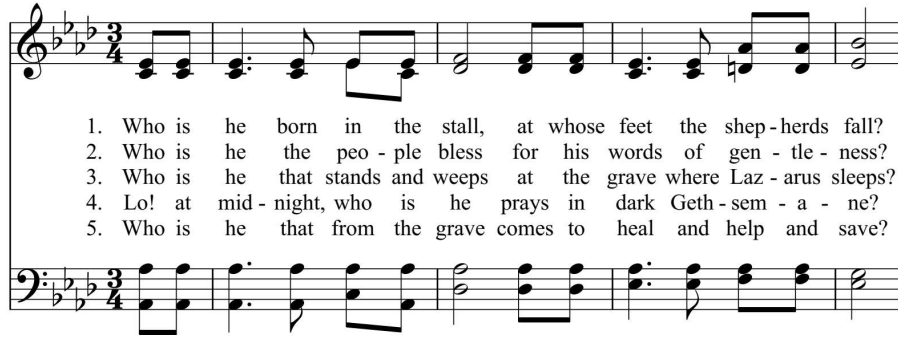
²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

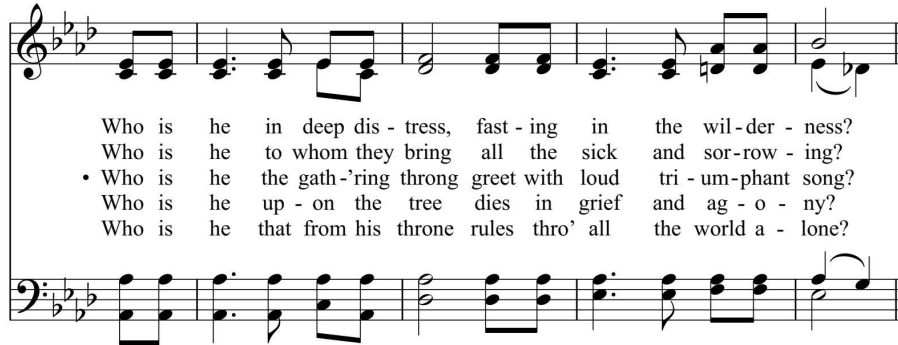
Our gracious God and heavenly Father, how vividly your Word records Christ's entry into Jerusalem, with excited crowds spreading garments and palm branches to mark the road before him and acclaiming him as King with happy voices! And yet, dear Lord, our hearts are pained and confused that those same voices would soon cry out demanding his crucifixion. But you have given us faith to know that whether riding on the colt or being raised up on the cross, Jesus was always fulfilling your will for our salvation, giving himself wholeheartedly to your eternal plan to redeem us by his perfect life, his atoning death, and his glorious resurrection. And so we gather today to thank you for the free gift of eternal life that you have given to us through your Son. Because we do not want the rocks to sing in our silence, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that he might stir our hearts to fresh and joyful expressions of praise to our beautiful Savior. And conform our lives to your will by the reading and preaching of the Scriptures, so that we are enabled to show you our gratitude by living for your glory and in service to others. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

* Praising God in Song

Who Is He Born in the Stall

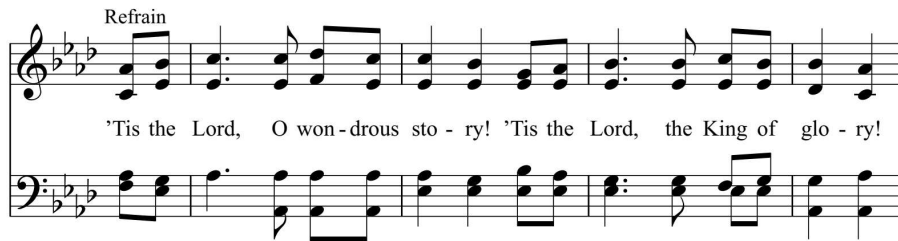


1. Who is he born in the stall, at whose feet the shep-herds fall?
 2. Who is he the peo-ple bless for his words of gen-tle-ness?
 3. Who is he that stands and weeps at the grave where Laz-arus sleeps?
 4. Lo! at mid-night, who is he prays in dark Geth-sem-a-ne?
 5. Who is he that from the grave comes to heal and help and save?

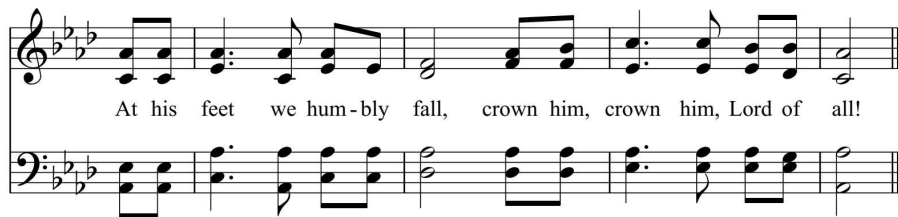


Who is he in deep dis-tress, fast-ing in the wil-der-ness?
 Who is he to whom they bring all the sick and sor-row-ing?
 • Who is he the gath-er-ing throug greet with loud tri-um-phiant song?
 Who is he up-on the tree dies in grief and ag-o-ny?
 Who is he that from his throne rules thro' all the world a-lone?

Refrain



'Tis the Lord, O won-drous sto-ry! 'Tis the Lord, the King of glo-ry!



At his feet we hum-bly fall, crown him, crown him, Lord of all!

Benjamin R. Hanby, 1866; alt.

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 Benjamin R. Hanby, 1866

Taking Our Requests to God in Prayer

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

Voice

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first six measures of the melody, with lyrics underneath. The second staff starts at measure 7 and contains the next six measures. The third staff starts at measure 15 and contains the final three measures. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end.

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

God Speaks through His Word

Matthew 27:32-45

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

“So Close, Yet So Very Far”

March 28, 2021

Matthew has shown us the hardness and evil of the human heart, but worst of all is seeing Jesus on the cross without being drawn to him as Savior.

The distracted and indifferent

~ Jesus' love on display—he refused the wine mixed with gall ~

The confused and hostile

~ Jesus' love on display—he refused the temptation to come down from the cross ~

* Responding to God's Grace in Song

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:

the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; alt. 1990

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 Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

* 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 Mark 15:21 on the theme "The Man Who Carried Christ's Cross".
- There is no Midweek Devotional this Wednesday.
- This Wednesday, March 31st there will be a **Game Night** at the church for the youth and children of our congregation. The event is from 6:30 - 8:00 (please note the time change!). RSVP to Jan by Monday evening if you plan to attend.
- Please join us Friday at 6 PM for our **Good Friday Service**. In addition to being in-person, we plan to live-stream the service.
- Easter is a week away and it is always a wonderful thing when we can adorn the auditorium with beautiful flowers. If you were planning to purchase any flowering plant(s) for Easter for your home and would be willing to share them with the congregation on Easter Sunday, please speak with Carol VanScoter prior to April 2nd. Thank you.
- Helping with this morning's service are: Elise van der Jagt (musicians), Dan Lash (usher), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

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