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January 24, 2021

MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You



welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

calendar

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- **Annual Member Meeting - TONIGHT! 6pm! Join us!**
- MidWeek Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30pm - we are BACK!
- Next Steps membership class - Sunday, February 14, 2021
- Don't forget about the Baby Bottles! Pick one up today or fill one online!

finances

General Offering - Dec '20	\$29,598.85
Designated Gifts - Dec '20	\$1,690.50
YTD General Offering thru Dec '20	\$272,612
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

January 24, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 4:12-25. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

(Matthew 16:24-25 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about the word repentance? How might the world define it? How is that different than the Word of God? What others passages can you point to that mention repentance? [Try: Rom 2:4; 2 Cor 7:10; 2 Peter 3:9...others?]
- What are the differences between a theology based on gospel repentance vs. performance based penance?
- How would you define discipleship? How have you seen it modeled?
- What are the differences between a theology of Jesus calling the special people and Jesus calling the needy?
- What is the most compassionate response you have ever witnessed?
- How can we increase our compassion for others?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 5:1-12

SING

Great Are You Lord | Glorious Day [Living He Loved Me] | Revelation Song | Amazing Grace [My Chains Are Gone] | Holy Is Our God

sermon notes

January 24, 2021

MATTHEW 4:12-25

The Start of Gospel Ministry

1. Light Over Darkness. [4:12-17; Isaiah 9:1-2; Mark 1:15]

The message of gospel ministry is repentance.

2. Fishers of Men. [4:18-22; Matthew 16:24-25]

The call of gospel ministry is discipleship.

3. The Crowds of Galilee. [4:23-25; Matthew 9:35-36]

The heart of gospel ministry is compassion.

Verse 1

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken**

Great are You, Lord

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken**

Great are You, Lord

Chorus 1

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only**

Verse 1

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You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken**

Great are You, Lord

Chorus 1

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It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only**

Bridge

**All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord**

**All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord**

**All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord**

**All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord**

Chorus

Glorious Day

Verse 1

**One day when heaven
Was filled with His praises
One day when sin was
As black as could be**

**Jesus came forth to
Be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men
My example is He**

**The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us
His glory revealed**

Chorus 1

**Living He loved me
Dying He saved me
Buried He carried
My sins far away
Rising He justified
Freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day**

Verse 2

**One day they led Him
Up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him
To die on a tree**

**Suffering anguish
Despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my
Redeemer is He**

**The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me**

Chorus 1

Verse 3

**One day the grave could
Conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled
Away from the door**

**Then He arose over
Death He had conquered
Now is ascended
My Lord evermore**

**Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again**

Chorus 1

Bridge

**One day the trumpet will
Sound for His coming
One day the skies with
His glories will shine**

**Wonderful day my
Beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine**

Chorus 1

Verse 1

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

Chorus 1

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus 1

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

Chorus 1

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Chorus 1

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine**

**But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

Chorus 1

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Verse 1

**Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat**

**Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat**

Chorus 1

**Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come**

**With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You**

Verse 2

**Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King**

Chorus 1

**Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come**

**With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You**

Verse 3

**Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name**

**Jesus Your name is Power
Breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery**

Chorus 1

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Verse 1

**The death for which all sin demands
The sinless died for guilty man
And though we give our hearts to less
He is our righteousness**

Verse 2

**The Christ who took the sinner's place
Sings the symphony of grace
While Satan's lies of guilt abound
The Savior's love resounds**

Chorus

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone
Holy is our God**

Verse 3

**From heaven's throne above I hear
The voice that silences all fear
It's a declaration of a King
Says "You are mine and you are free"
Yes, we are Yours and we are free!**

Chorus

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone
Holy is our God**

Verse 4

**He will return just as He said
The day the graves give up their dead
And I will bow face to the ground
And sing the sweetest sound**

Chorus 2

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb**

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone**

**All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone
Holy is our God**