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February 7, 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
- MidWeek Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- **Prayer Meeting - 5pm TONIGHT**
- **Today's Choice Baby Bottles due back TODAY!**
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, February 14, 2021
- Voice Of the Martyrs Virtual Event - Friday, March 5, 2021 6:30pm
- Next Member Meeting - Sunday, March 21, 2021, 6pm

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

February 7, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 5:13-16. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, Communion, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God **without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world**, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.”

(Philippians 2:14-16 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How should Christians be different from the culture around us? [Think both negative AND positive aspects]
- Look at 1 Peter 2:11, Romans 13:14; Galatians 5:24 tell us about the purity we are supposed to walk in?
- Share a time where you were tempted to hide your faith and how it worked out?
- Look at the passage above in Philippians - according to this passage, how do we shine and why?
- What part of your world is God calling you to reflect his glory into?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 5:17-20.

SING

All Creatures of Our God and King | Before the Throne of God Above | Because He Lives | Jesus, Thank You | O Praise the Name [Anastasis]

sermon notes

February 7, 2021

MATTHEW 5:13-16

Salt and Light

1. Salt. [5:13; 1 Peter 2:11]

Disciples are discernibly different.

2. Light. [5:14-15; Philippians 2:14-16]

Disciples can’t hide their faith.

3. Shine. [5:16; 1 Peter 2:12]

Big Idea: Jesus calls his disciples from the world to reflect his glory to the world.

Verse 1

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!**

Verse 2

**Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!**

Verse 3

**All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!**

Verse 4

**He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah!**

**O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah!
Allelujah!**

Verse 1

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me**

**My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

Verse 2

**When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin**

**Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me**

Verse 3

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
my perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am,
The king of glory and of grace**

**One with Himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood
My life hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and My God**

Verse 1

**I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood.**

Chorus

**Amen, amen,
I'm alive I'm alive
Because He lives.**

**Amen, amen,
Let my song
join the one that never ends
Because He lives.**

Verse 2

**I was dead in the grave,
I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away!**

Chorus

Bridge

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives Ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life My future in His hand.**

Chorus

Verse 1

**The myst'ry of the cross
I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary**

Jesus Thank You

**You the perfect Holy One
Crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup
Reserved for me**

Chorus 1

**Your blood has
Washed away my sin
Jesus thank You**

**The Father's wrath
Completely satisfied
Jesus thank You**

**Once Your enemy
Now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You**

Verse 2

**By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy You've
Made Your friend**

**Pouring out the riches
Of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and
Your kindness know no end**

Chorus 1

**Your blood has
Washed away my sin
Jesus thank You**

**The Father's wrath
Completely satisfied
Jesus thank You**

**Once Your enemy
Now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You**

**Bridge
Lover of my soul
I want to live for You**

**Chorus 1
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Verse 1

**I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree**

Verse 2

**His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone**

Chorus

**O praise the name
Of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more**

**For endless days
We will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

Verse 3

**Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of Heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar For Christ the King**

Chorus

**O praise the name
Of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more**

**For endless days
We will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

Verse 4

**He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face**

Chorus

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**O Lord,
Oh Lord our God**