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April 18, 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]

kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Pick up will be outside, weather permitting! Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)

Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

calendar

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Study - going on now - Talk to Melanie Ruel or Doreen Baxter today!
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- Wednesdays: MidWeek Study - 6:30pm Wednesdays - at church
- Work Day - Sat, May 8th - 8am-12pm
- Member Meeting - Sun, May 23rd, 6pm
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, June 13th, 6pm

finances

General Offering - Mar 2021	\$23,674.01
Designated Gifts - Mar 2021	\$571.46
YTD General Offering thru Mar 2021	\$66,673.51
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

April 18, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 6:5-15. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

(Romans 8:26-27ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Do you pray? How often? What do you pray for the most often?
- Do you pray more in private or with others? When you pray with others are you worried about what they are hearing?
- Which part of the Lord's prayer resonates with you the most? Why?
- What should be the role of prayer in the church? [see Acts 2:42]
- What is the difference between our will and God's?
- How significant is it that Jesus tells us that we can call God “our Father?” Why?
- What needs do you need God to supply right now? Physical, spiritual or relational?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Matthew 6:16-18

SING

Before the Throne of God Above | Man of Sorrows |
He Will Hold Me Fast | I Will Wait for You | Death Was Arrested

sermon notes

April 18, 2021

MATTHEW 6:5-15

How to Pray

1. Hypocritical Babblers. [6:5-8; Jeremiah 29:13; Romans 8:26-27; Acts 2:42]

Prayer is to be directed to God, not others.

2. God-Centered Prayer. [6:9-10; James 1:13-15; 1 John 5:14-15]

Prayer is a means by which God accomplishes his will.

3. Need-Centered Prayer [6:11-15]

Prayer is a means by which God meets our needs.

Big Idea: Prayer must be prioritized

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 is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and My God**

Verse 1

**Man of sorrows, Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid**

Verse 2

**Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns**

Chorus

**Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

Verse 3

**Sent of heaven, God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones who
Nailed Him to that tree**

Chorus

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

Bridge

**Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed**

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Chorus

**Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

Verse 4

**See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised
He's risen from the grave**

Chorus

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

Praise and honor unto Thee!

**When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.**

**I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.**

**He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.**

Chorus

Verse 1

**Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord**

Verse 2

**Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone**

Chorus 1

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You
Til my soul is satisfied**

Verse 3

**So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave**

Chorus 1

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You
Til my soul is satisfied**

Verse 4

**Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice**

Chorus 2

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight**

**Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love Made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Oh, Your grace so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with You**

**It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with You**

**Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Oh, Your grace so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with You**

**It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with You**

**Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began**

**Oh, Your grace so free
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with You**

**It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with You**

**We're free, free
Forever we're free
Come join the song
Of all the redeemed**

**Yes, we're free free
Forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Oh, we're free, free
Forever we're free
Come join the song
Of all the redeemed**

**Yes, we're free free, forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began
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