

April 7, 2024

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

— *Book of Common Prayer*, Easter Vigil 295

Persevering Faith in the Resurrected King

Scripture for Meditation

Revelation 2:12, 18

And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: “The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.” . . . And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: “The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.”

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Hymn of Persevering

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

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

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

John Newton, 1725-1807

Offertory Hymn of Atonement

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
I come with your righteousness on, my humble off'ring to
bring.

The judgments of Your holy law with me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which Your goodness began, the arm of Your strength will complete;
Your promise is yes and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
The future or things that are now, no power below or above,
Can make You Your purpose forgo, or sever my soul from Your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on Your heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end will endure, until I bow down at Your throne;
Forever and always secure, a debtor to mercy alone.

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Numbers 22:4–6; 25:1–3; 31:16

So Balak the son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River in the land of the people of Amaw, to call him, saying, "Behold, a people has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite

me. Come now, curse this people for me, since they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.” . . . While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab.

These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Behold, these, on Balaam’s advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.

Hymn of Confession

O Great God

O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart;
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me: make me Yours
forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and
peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace;
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me.

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

John 6:48–50

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Pardon

Christ, Be My Glory

Christ, be my ransom; redeem me, I pray.
Purchase God's pardon, for I cannot pay.
God had been angry but now smiles on me;
His wrath, though righteous, is canceled by Thee.

Christ, be my vicar, my sole righteousness,
Standing before God in pure holiness.
Joy of the Father, my substitute be;
Earn in my place His good favor t'ward me.

Christ, be my wisdom, the light of my mind;
Shine in my thinking, else I would be blind.
Grant me the faith and the insight to see
Truth in its rad'ance embodied in Thee.

Christ, be my manna, O Life-bread Divine;
Work through my weakness that honor be Thine.
Fortify, feed me; I faint, and I fall.
Nourish Thy servant, Sustainer of All!

Christ, be my glory, the praiseworthy One;
Through Thee God saves me and names me a son.
No more of Satan, his offspring, defiled,
I am adopted, in Christ made God's child!

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Dismissal for Children

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed
for children's classes downstairs.

Hymn of Praise

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive.

To you who boast tomorrow's gain tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn. All glory be to Christ!

Chorus:

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing. All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done; His kingdom come
On earth as is above, Who is Himself our daily bread.
Praise Him the Lord of love.

Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet. All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

When on the day the great I am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.

Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light,
And we shall ere his people be; all glory be to Christ!

Chorus

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Ministry of the Word

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com.

Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

Ministers

The congregation at large

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