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The degree of our peace of mind is tied to our prayer life (Phil. 4:6-7). This is not because prayer is psychologically soothing, but because we address a prayer-answering God, a personal God, a responding God, a sovereign God whom we can trust with the outcomes of life's confusions. And we learn, with time, that if God in this or that instance does not choose to take away the suffering, or utterly remove the evil, he does send grace and power. The result is praise; and that, of course, is itself enjoyable, in exactly the same way that lovers enjoy giving each other compliments.” —D. A. Carson

The Lord of Salvation

Scripture for Meditation

Romans 8:32, 34

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? . . . Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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Hymn of Salvation

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea,
And I am safe on this solid ground;
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls;
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun;
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus:

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won;
The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord;
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades I know spring will come;
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days;
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

And when I reach my final day,
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise,
He will call me home;
The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit;
The Lord is our salvation.

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Offertory Hymn of Shielding

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him;
No one else can satisfy.
I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him;
No one else can be my strength.
I should come to him.

Chorus:

*For the Lord is good and faithful;
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus,
Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him;
No one else can be my shield.
I should come to him.

Chorus

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me,
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me.

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Matthew 27:27–31, 39–46

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

“Hail, King of the Jews!”

And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. . . . And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and 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.”

So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

“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. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is,

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Psalm of Lament

Psalm 42

Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed

God, come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God, be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul?
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You.

Chorus:

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God,
My help, my Rock, I will praise Him.
Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm;
You're still my God, my salvation.*

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God, be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
Till my faith is turned to sight
Lord, my heart will praise You.

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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 10:27, 28

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Pardon

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—who took on flesh—
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid;

Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Hymn of Rest*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My
breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in
Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk, till traveling days are done.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, my Father’s house above
Has many mansions; I’ve a place prepared for you in love.
I trust in Jesus—in that house, according to His word,
Redeemed by grace, my soul shall live forever with the Lord.

Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
*Children may leave during this song.

Ministry of the Word

Notes

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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