The best men [such as David] are not always in a good frame; we are apt to over-grieve for what we over-loved. . . . But while we learn from his example [regarding Absalom] to watch and pray against sinful indulgence, or neglect of our children, may we not, in David, perceive a shadow of the Saviour's love, who wept over, prayed for, and even suffered death for mankind, though vile rebels and enemies?

- Matthew Henry

The God Who Delivers His King and Defeats His Enemies

Scripture for Meditation

2 Samuel 18:28, 31

Then Ahimaaz cried out to the king, "All is well." And he bowed before the king with his face to the earth and said, "Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king." . . . And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you."

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Call to Worship

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery



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Offertory Hymn of Deliverance

Christ Is Risen



Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

2 Samuel 12:9-12; 7:13-16

"Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'" . . .

"[Your offspring] shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

Hymn of Confession

O Sacred Head

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;

Now scornfully surrounded, with thorns Thine only crown; O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend, For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

Words attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux English translation by James W. Alexander Music: Hans Hassler, harmonized by J. S. Bach

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

Isaiah 53:5, 6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Pardon

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long expected prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; By His Son God now has spoken: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His?

Friends through fear His cause disowning, foes insulting his distress:

Many hands were raised to wound Him, none would interpose to save;

But the deepest stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the Name of which we boast.

Lamb of God for sinners wounded! Sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854. Alt. 1961

Hymn of Praise*

O Praise the Name



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^{*}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.

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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

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