

September 17, 2023

To reconcile offending man,  
Make Justice drop her angry rod;  
What creature could have formed the plan,  
Or who fulfill it but a God?  
No drop remains of all the curse,  
For wretches who deserved the whole;  
No arrows dipped in wrath to pierce  
The guilty, but returning soul.  
Peace by such means so dearly bought,  
What rebel could have hoped to see?  
Peace by his injured Sovereign wrought,  
His Sovereign fastened to a tree. – William Cowper

# The Better King Who Brings Atonement

## Scripture for Meditation

*Romans 3:23–26*

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For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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## Hymn of Holiness

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! raise our eyes to Calv'ry,  
That we might behold Thy Son condemned upon the tree.  
Oh, how sin has cost Thee; oh, Thy grace and mercy!  
Christ, fully punished; sinners, fully free!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826  
Fourth stanza by M. Justin Wainscott.  
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## Offertory Hymn of Atonement

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

“Man of sorrows,” what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,  
“It is finished,” was His cry;  
Now in heav’n exalted high!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we’ll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

## Prayer of Blessing

### Responsive Reading

*Romans 3:21–28*

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

**the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.**

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

**For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.**

### 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**

*1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

## **Hymn of Mercy**

*His Mercy Is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Chorus:*

*Praise the Lord,*

*His mercy is more.*

*Stronger than darkness, new every morn.*

*Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

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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 Redemption**

### *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

My claim to Zion is all of grace;  
The King bids: "Come, reside."  
His death for me secured my place,  
By faith now justified.

Redemption! – theme of Zion's song,  
The Son, his life he gave,  
At such great cost he brought me home,  
And all my sins forgave.







## **Sunday Service Times**

9:15 am          Family Bible Time  
10:00 am        Corporate Prayer Service  
10:45 am        Corporate Worship Service

\*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at [ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com](http://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*

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*Ministers*

The congregation at large

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