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The love of Christ is rich and free;
Fixed on his own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;
Long as he lives his own he'll love.

– William Gadsby

The Christ Who Loves Us

Scripture for Meditation

Revelation 1:5b–8

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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Hymn of Anticipation

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Refrain:

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Edward Mote, 1797-1874

Offertory Hymn of Praise

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

John Cennick, 1718-1755

Altered by Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, and later by Martin Madan, 1725-1790

English Melody

Harm. R. Vaughan-Williams, 1872-1958

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for favored
2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him, Robbed in dreadful
3. Now redemption long expected, See in solemn
4. Yea, Amen! Let all adore Thee, High on Thy e-

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sinners slain; Thou sand, thousand saints attending, Swell the
ma-jesty; Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and
pomp appear; All His saints, by man rejected, Now shall
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ter-nal throne; Sav-ior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the

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tri-umph of His train; Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
nailed Him to the tree; Deep-ly wail-ing, deep-ly wail-ing,
14
meet Him in the air; Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
king-dom for Thine own; O come quick-ly! O come quick-ly!

21
Hal-le-lu-jah! God appears on earth to reign.
21
deep-ly wail-ing; Shall the true Mes-siah see.
Hal-le-lu-jah! See the day of God appear!
21
O come quick-ly! Ev-er-last-ing God, come down!

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Exodus 19:1–6

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

Hymn of Confession

He Will Hold Me Fast

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.

*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.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied,
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When he comes at last!

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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

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Pardon

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest
above.

Chorus:

*Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore,
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He
bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make
His own,

How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend,
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

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Confession of Faith

Of the Way of Salvation

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the virgin-born Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen bodily from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

EBC Statement of Faith

Dismissal for Children

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

Hymn of Consecration

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most –
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words by Isaac Watts
Music from a traditional melody

Ministry of the Word

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

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

Pastors

Jonathan Bastoni

Brad Baugham

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