

# Worshiping Jesus Christ, Who Was Bound Though Innocent!

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APRIL 18, 2021  
10:30 AM

**PRELUDE** *Berceuse*  
*Carillon de Longpont* Louis Vierne  
Dennis Bergin, organ

**WELCOME**  
Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*  
Carrie Smith, piano; Prudence Barker, violin; Laura, Quinn, cello; Matt Brantley, bass;  
Charis Baker, flute; Holly Henske, clarinet; April Northington, alto sax;  
Will Barker, trombone; Greg Wagener, drums

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.

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.

**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 94:16-22  
Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

Pastor: Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers?

**People: If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.**

Pastor: When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.

**People: When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.**

Pastor: Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute? They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.

**All: But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.**

**How Firm a Foundation**

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10*

G C G D G C

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your  
 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of  
 4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

G D7 G F D/F# Em Am7 C

faith in his ex-cel-lent Word! What more can he say than to  
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and  
 sor-row shall not o-ver-flow; for I will be with you, your  
 fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D7 G 7

you he has said, you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?  
 cause you to stand, up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand.  
 trou-bles to bless, and sanc-ti-fy to you your deep-est dis-tress.  
 on-ly de-sign your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt. Mod.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.  
 Traditional American melody  
 J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Deuteronomy 17:6-7a; 2 Corinthians 13:1b; Proverbs 18:17

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

Deuteronomy 17:6-7a

On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

2 Corinthians 13:1b

Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Proverbs 18:17

The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** 1 Peter 2:19-23

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

**\*HE HIMSELF HAS BID THEE PRAY!**

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**Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare**

*Ask and it will be given to you. Matt. 7:7*

1. Come, my soul, thy suit pre - pare: Je - sus loves to  
2. Thou art com - ing to a King, large pe - ti - tions  
3. With my bur - den I be - gin: "Lord, re - move this  
4. "Lord, I come to thee for rest, take pos - ses - sion

an - swer prayer; he him - self has bid thee pray, there - fore  
with thee bring; for his grace and pow'r are such, none can  
load of sin; let thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, set my  
of my breast; there thy blood - bought right main - tain, and with -

will not say thee nay; there - fore will not say thee nay.  
ev - er ask too much; none can ev - er ask too much.  
con - science free from guilt; set my con - science free from guilt.  
out a ri - val reign; and with - out a ri - val reign.

5. "While I am a pilgrim here,  
let thy love my spirit cheer;  
as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,  
lead me to my journey's end;  
lead me to my journey's end.
6. "Show me what I have to do,  
ev'ry hour my strength renew:  
let me live a life of faith,  
let me die thy people's death;  
let me die thy people's death."

**GOD CONFERS SACRAMENTAL GRACE**

Caroline Engel

**WE RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Crystal Barnes, James Cunningham, Kaitlyn DeGroot, Meredith DeGroot,  
Mike and Stacy Engel, Caroline Engel, Brett and Laura Frey, Daniel Furlan,  
Eric McCall, Janet Moore, Timmy Payne, Sam and Bonnie Saffa, Kailah Stout,  
Gwen and Lincoln VerMeer, Owen Wagener

**WE GIVE HIM ALL THE PRAISE!** *Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**WE INVOKE HIS HELP** Psalm 54:4

Brian Roby, Elder

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD!** *An Offering*

Kyrstan Brantley, Shelly Hannaford, Bob Nagy, Brian Roby

O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,  
But poured forth Your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;  
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss  
That I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross.

Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride  
What You who gave Yourself for me now bid me lay aside?  
To know You is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,  
A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,  
Teach me nothing offered You is ever truly lost.  
A hundred-fold reward awaits in one glimpse of Your face.  
My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of Your grace.

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**GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD** Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor  
**SERMON SERIES** "Acts"  
**SCRIPTURE TEXT** Acts 21:27-36  
**SERMON TITLE** *Bound Though Innocent*

<sup>27</sup> When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, <sup>28</sup> crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." <sup>29</sup> For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. <sup>30</sup> Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. <sup>31</sup> And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. <sup>32</sup> He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. <sup>33</sup> Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done. <sup>34</sup> Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. <sup>35</sup> And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd, <sup>36</sup> for the mob of the people followed, crying out, "Away with him!"

**\*MY LIFE NOW HIS, MY LORD!**

Brian Roby, bagpipes

## *Bought By the Blood*



1. Bought by the blood of heav - en's per - fect Lamb  
2. Bold I ap - proach my King's e - ter - nal throne,  
3. Lord, now — grant me for the Gos - pel strife,



Freed from the bonds of earth by pierc - ed hand,  
Robed in a right - eous - ness that's not my own.  
grace for the morn - ing and the fear - ful night,



He all my worth - i - ness and I His sin,  
Filled with His Spir - it for a ho - ly cause,  
strength - en my zeal for my dear Sav - ior's reign,



Nailed to a cross by pow'r of God's \_\_\_\_\_ love.  
bear - ing His cross by pow'r of God's \_\_\_\_\_ love.  
rais - ing His cross by pow'r of God's \_\_\_\_\_ love.



Though His call take me far a-way, Though it cost my name, com - fort and gain,

After singing verse 3

repeat verse 1



I will serve Him — all my days, My life now His, my Lord.

Words: Bryan Chapell; Music: HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL; arr. by John Haines

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Reprise: Bought by the Blood!*

## ***Bound Though Innocent***

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Acts 21:27-36

Why was Paul bound, though innocent?

1. Men used baseless lies.

2. Men used baseless violence.

\*Congregation please rise

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