

Sunday Morning Worship

April 28, 2024



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April 28, 2024

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Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Call to Worship — Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

I Will Sing Your Praise Alone

Jon Althoff | Sheri Jones-Moffett | Joseph Pace II

Verse 1:

I am not ashamed
Of the gospel of Your grace that saved me
You called me from the grave
And the power of Your Spirit raised me
Lord, You gave your life for mine

Chorus:

I will sing Your praise alone
I will sing Your praise alone
You're worthy of my highest song
I will sing Your praise alone

I will sing Your praise alone
I will sing Your praise alone
You're seated on the highest throne
I will sing Your praise alone

Verse 2:

I have been redeemed
By the blood You shed to change my story
Your love has set me free
So that I can live to bring You glory
Lord, You gave your life for mine

Bridge:

Be glorified,
I will praise You, I will praise You
With all my life,
I will praise You, I will praise You

I Will Sing Your Praise Alone

Hymn Sheet

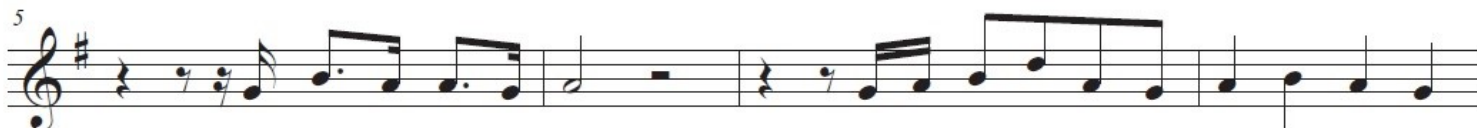
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VERSE



1. I am not a-shamed
2. I have been re-deemed

of the gos - pel of Your grace that saved me.
by the blood You shed to change my sto - ry.



You called me from the grave
Your love has set me free

and the pow - er of Your Spi - rit raised me.
so that I can live to bring You glo - ry.

CHORUS



Lord, You gave ____ Your life ____ for mine. ____ I will sing Your



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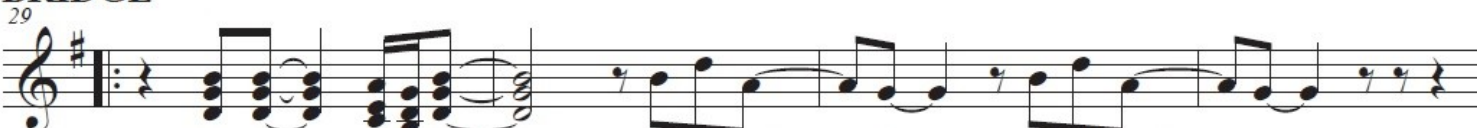


I will sing Your praise a - lone. I will sing Your praise a - lone I will sing Your praise a - lone



You're sea - ted on the high - est throne. I will sing Your praise a - lone.

BRIDGE



Be glo - ri - fied. ____ I will praise ____ You, I will praise ____ You.



With all ____ my life, ____ I will praise ____ You, I will praise ____ You.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Edward Perronet, John Rippon, Judah Groveman

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## **Verse 1:**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

## **Verse 2:**

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you  
by His grace and crown Him Lord of all  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

## **Chorus:**

His name is Jesus,  
Risen Lamb, for sinners slain  
His name is Jesus  
All creation sings the praise  
His name is Jesus  
Risen Lamb, for sinners slain  
His name is Jesus  
All creation sings the praise  
Of Jesus name

## **Verse 3:**

Let every kindred every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all

## **Verse 4:**

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all

## Scripture Reading — Psalm 79 (ESV)

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- <sup>1</sup> O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance;  
they have defiled your holy temple,  
they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble.
- <sup>2</sup> They have left the dead bodies of your servants  
as food for the birds of the sky,  
the flesh of your own people for the animals of the wild.
- <sup>3</sup> They have poured out blood like water  
all around Jerusalem,  
and there is no one to bury the dead.
- <sup>4</sup> We are objects of contempt to our neighbors,  
of scorn and derision to those around us.
- <sup>5</sup> How long, LORD? Will you be angry forever?  
How long will your jealousy burn like fire?
- <sup>6</sup> Pour out your wrath on the nations  
that do not acknowledge you,  
on the kingdoms  
that do not call on your name;
- <sup>7</sup> for they have devoured Jacob  
and devastated his homeland.
- <sup>8</sup> Do not hold against us the sins of past generations;  
may your mercy come quickly to meet us,  
for we are in desperate need.
- <sup>9</sup> Help us, God our Savior,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us and forgive our sins  
for your name's sake.
- <sup>10</sup> Why should the nations say,  
"Where is their God?"
- Before our eyes, make known among the nations  
that you avenge the outpoured blood of your servants.
- <sup>11</sup> May the groans of the prisoners come before you;  
with your strong arm preserve those condemned to die.
- <sup>12</sup> Pay back into the laps of our neighbors seven times  
the contempt they have hurled at you, Lord.
- <sup>13</sup> Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture,  
will praise you forever;  
from generation to generation  
we will proclaim your praise.

# I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Joseph Scriven | Charles Converse

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Verse 1:

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Verse 2:

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus:

I will wait for You
I will wait for You
On Your word, I will rely
I will wait for You
Surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

Verse 3:

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Verse 4:

Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

Verse 5:

I will wait for You
I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You
Surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

Sermon Notes

“The Wrath of the Lamb” :: Revelation 6:1-17

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# Where Shall I Be?

Charles Jones

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Chorus:

O where shall I be
When the first trumpet sounds,
O where shall I be
When it sounds so loud?
When it sounds so loud
As to wake up the dead,
O where shall I be
When it sounds?

Verse 1:

When judgement day is drawing nigh,
Where shall I be?
When God the works of men shall try,
Where shall I be?
When east and west the fire shall roll,
Where shall I be?
How will it be with my poor soul;
Where shall i be?

Verse 2:

When wicked men His wrath shall see,
Where shall I be?
And to the rocks and mountains flee,
Where shall I be?
When hills and mountains flee away,
Where shall I be?
When all the works of man decay,
Where shall I be?

Verse 3:

When heaven and earth
As some great scroll,
Where shall I be?
Shall from God's holy presence roll,
Where shall I be?
When all the saints
Redeemed shall stand,
Where shall I be?
Forever blest at God's right hand
Where shall I be?

Verse 4:

All trouble done, all conflict past,
Where shall I be?
Our enemy o'ercome at last,
Where shall I be?
When Christ shall reign
From shore to shore,
Where shall I be?
And peace abide forever more,
Where shall I be?

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 28

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Monday, April 29

Tuesday, April 30

10:30 AM Women's Study—"Watch Your Mouth"

Wednesday, May 1

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 19

12noon - Church Members' Meeting

Wednesday, June 5

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of April 28

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, consider using the words of Psalm 119:33-40 to pray for yourself and others:

*³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.*

*³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.*

We recognize our need for God's help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word – for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

Prayer items outside our church:

- Pray that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)

- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who are completing their final weeks of classes for the school year. Pray that God would help them to finish well and give them physical and spiritual strength to endure. See a list of our out-of-town college students toward the back of the church directory.
- Pray that we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in – a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- Pray that God would renew our strength when we're weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that a culture of discipleship, joyful hospitality, and care grows in us as a church family (1 Pt 4:9; Col. 3:16)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God's presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Margaret Austin, Bob and Alice Copeland, Connie Gordon (death of mother), Chris Guerra (military deployment), Dawn Hunter (death of mother), Lucie Lowe, Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

Announcements

1. Lord's Supper Celebration NEXT Sunday, May 5. We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. Part of our celebration is reaffirming our unity as the body of Christ. Therefore, if you know of any reconciliation that needs to happen between you and another brother or sister in Christ in the church, we hope you'll take the time to prayerfully do that this week.

2. Mark Your Calendar:

- :: Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:30pm — Church Prayer Meeting
- :: Sunday, May 19 @ 12noon — Quarterly Church Members' Meeting
- :: Wednesday, May 22 — End of Regular Wednesday Night Activities for semester

3. Child Abuse Prevention Resources. The month of April is Child Abuse Prevention month.

Ministry Safe, the company used for training our children's volunteers, have made their Parent/Guardian Training resources available online for FREE. Scan the qr code to access those resources or visit: ministriesafe.com/April .



4. Vacation Bible School — July 8-12. Vacation Bible School is right around the corner on July 8 - 12 from 9am-12:30pm. If you're a member of the church and are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Charles Kirkland.

5. Giving. We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: place your offering in the designated boxes in the church foyer
- by mail: send to the church office.



Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.



Digital Communication Card

Interested in meeting with a pastor, more info about the church and membership, or have a prayer need? Scan the qr code, leave your contact info, and we will reach out.



Revelation: Following Our Victorious King

[Revelation 6:1-17](#)

"The Wrath of the Lamb" – April 28, 2024



Introduction

In the book of Revelation, God pulled back the curtain for John. John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote what he saw then sent this letter to the churches to encourage them in a time of persecution. The message of Revelation is that Jesus wins. His victory becomes our victory.

We may be confused and concerned about the circumstances of life. God is in the "driver's seat," so we can rest and trust. In [Revelation 4](#), John shows us God, on the throne. He is in control. We don't need to panic. History is going somewhere. In [Revelation 5](#), we see Jesus Who is the only One to open the scroll containing God's plan for history. Where is history going? Chapter 6 gives us a sneak peek of the coming judgment which is near and promised, sure and guaranteed. How should Christians live, knowing that our sovereign God will someday judge the world?

Sermon Outline

1. Repent and hope. Vs. 1-8
2. Pray with confidence. Vs. 9-11
3. Witness boldly and humbly. Vs. 12-17

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1-8

Jesus is given the scroll and is the only one who can open it. The first four seals come together as a group. The first horse is white with a rider coming to conquer. The second horse is red, and the rider represents violence due to conflict between individuals. The third horse is black with a rider who carries scales representing a nation in famine and crippling inflation. The fourth horse is pale, and the rider is called Death, representing sickness and death.

Remember, this is apocalyptic literature using symbols to describe things. We must keep in mind the overarching theme and purpose. We, as a church, must agree that Jesus will return and judge the world. This is crystal clear in scripture. We can disagree on the exact details and how it will play out.

These are echoes of Jesus' teaching of what will happen in the last days – the days in which we live now. This is the time between the first coming of Jesus and the second coming. We don't have to look far for war, conflict, sickness, and death. They are happening all the time - over and over on a cyclical and escalating basis. We are not surprised at these events however, we can be surprised by where they have come from. The riders are **given permission**. Who is in the driver's seat? Who is on the throne? It is Jesus! Why is Jesus giving permission for this to happen?

One of the purposes is to bring the wicked in this world to repentance. It is natural for us to run from God. These painful events can be God's mercy to wake us up. In one sense, God's judgment is future, but there is a sense in which it is resting on the world today. ([Romans 1:18](#)) His wrath is being revealed now. The world is not as bad as it can be because God's restraining hand is holding it back. However, if we stiff arm God, He will remove His hand. The pain squeezes us and shows us what is in our heart. They are a wake-up call.

The second purpose is to test the faith of God's people. ([Rev. 2:10](#)) As these trials fall on **ALL** of creation, God's purposes are different for His people. When you go through a trial, God is testing your faith - not so He can figure out what you are made of - but to show you that your faith is genuine. Testing is God's mercy to us, designed to prepare us for **THE** test at the judgment and help us to know that our faith is in Jesus. The hardest things in your life are divinely designed for your good. They shape, strengthen, and prepare you to face the coming judgment with confidence. What have you learned from your trials? What needs to be fixed? What can you thank God for? Has your faith proven genuine?

It's tempting to look at suffering and believe that God is not in control because He does not disclose every mystery to us. We know that a good God is in the driver's seat. It is the basis of our hope. He can use hard things to bring the wicked to repentance and test His people, yet, holding onto hope in a world filled with these things is hard.

Additional Reading: Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21

2. Read vs. 9-11

The first four seals deal with general suffering. The fifth seal is specific to Christians. John sees those who have been killed for their faith. They are crying out, "how long!" God says, "a little longer." This prayer of vengeance by the martyrs is not a desire for personal vengeance, but for God. They want the majesty and glory of Christ to be revealed. The death of these saints is a testimony to the glory and infinite worth of Jesus and knowing Him.

God cares for these martyrs. He tells them to rest beneath the altar. They have been given a white robe, declaring that they were right about the worth of living for Jesus. He is worth giving everything for. How can we know that Jesus is worth it?

As we count the cost, behold the glory of Jesus. The point of this book is to see Him. Meditate on Him - the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Lamb who was sacrificed for us. He will wipe away every tear, make everything right in this world, and make everything new. Listen to the testimony of the martyrs. They were killed for the word of God and are riveted with the glory of God's name.

Because of who God is, we can pray confidently. Do you often struggle with what you know in your head to be true and what you believe in your heart? Go to God with that. A lament is an honest prayer in pain to help us trust God. The martyrs model this by asking, "how long." Is something in your life that has left you asking, "how long?" Read a psalm of lament like [Psalm 79](#), and use it as a springboard for your prayers. Pray, knowing that God hears you.

3. Read Vs. 12-17

The sixth seal that shows us the end of history. We have seen or experienced powerful storms – hurricanes, tornados, etc., but they are nothing like the day of judgment. These verses reveal a picture of creation coming unraveled because God has shown up, and He is about to judge. His judgment will be massive, final, and frightening.

Powerful people will desperately try to hide so that they don't have to look God in the eye, but there is no hiding. John writes about how people will react on the day of judgment. Do you believe that this day is coming? Do you understand the gravity of sin? Do you believe in the severity of this judgment? This is truth. Do you assume this is just for the really bad people? Everyone is included in the judgment. ([vs. 15](#); [Hebrews 4:13](#))

How do you view God? Do you see Him as great? This is God's right and appropriate response to evil. Who can stand before a holy God? To be spared from the wrath of the Lamb on that day, one must come to the Lamb of God in repentance and faith. Jesus suffered, drinking the cup of God's wrath to the bottom. He offers forgiveness, power, and protection. How does the Father respond to those who repent? He responds with open arms! Outside of Christ, you will face the wrath of the Lamb. Come to Jesus to escape the coming wrath. Turn from your sin and trust in Christ.

As believers, we have the answer. Knowing the day is coming and believing it is true, we have a job to do. How can they know about Jesus unless someone tells them. ([Romans 10:9](#)) We can share the good news, humbly and gratefully, boldly and unashamed. Who do you need to share this good news with today?

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at fbcum.org

Next week's sermon text: we turn to Colossians 1:9-14 "Praying for Spiritual Maturity"

Family Guide for week of April 28th

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc...)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [The Big Picture Story Bible](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home](#).

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Bible Intake (*Listening to God*)

Day 1 – Psalm 43
Day 2 – Psalm 44
Day 3 – Psalm 45
Day 4 – Psalm 46
Day 5 – Psalm 47

**Read Colossians 1:9-14 in preparation for church on Sunday, April 28, 2024*

Prayer (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.
Pray for a few church members on pg. 40 of our church directory.
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Sing together

"All hail the power of Jesus' name" – use the bulletin from Sunday

Memory verses for the month

Exodus 20:2-3 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me."

Exodus 20:4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 42

How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

Answer: With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

¹ *New City Catechism* (<http://newcitycatechism.com/>)