
The Glory of the Cross

*“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ”
(Galatians 6:14)*

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 8:31-34

SONG OF WELCOME

(all, standing)

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

*Majesty, Lord of all, let ev’ry throne before Him fall;
The King of kings, O come, adore our God who reigns forevermore!*

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

*Majesty, Lord of all, let ev’ry throne before Him fall;
The King of kings, O come, adore our God who reigns forevermore!*

**All hail, Redeemer hail, for He has died for me.
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity. *(repeat)***

*Majesty, Lord of all, let ev’ry throne before Him fall;
The King of kings, O come, adore our God who reigns forevermore!*

***Praise God who reigns forevermore!
You’re the God who reigns forevermore!***

(please be seated)

WELCOME

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

GOD AT WORK

Olivia McCay and Mack and Alyson Riggs
Children’s Ministry

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORDS OF WORSHIP *(unison reading)*

1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25

(all, standing)

For the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

(all)

I would be hopeless without Your goodness. I would be desperate without Your love.
Slave to the darkness, if it wasn't for the cross.

You have won me with Your kindness, chased me down when I was lost.
Where would I be, if it wasn't for the cross?

*Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus! I was a prisoner, now I'm not.
With Your blood, You bought my freedom, Hallelujah! For the cross!*

All my shame was met with mercy, now Your mercy will be my song.
And O the glory, O the power of the cross!

*Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus! I was a prisoner, now I'm not.
With Your blood, You bought my freedom, Hallelujah! For the cross!*

By Your stripes I'm healed, by Your death I live
The power of sin is overcome. It is finished, it is done.

By Your stripes I'm healed, by Your death I live
The power of sin is overcome, it is finished.

*Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus! I was a prisoner, now I'm not.
With Your blood, You bought my freedom, Hallelujah! For the cross! (repeat)*

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life. I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life. I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground; here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life; here I bow down, here I bow.

*At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, (repeat)
Jesus.*

(please be seated)

MEDITATION

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (asking the Holy Spirit to instruct us)

(all, seated)

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 6:8-14*

Tyler Bozeman

SERMON

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

Cruciformed: Why the Doctrine of Grace Matters (Romans 6-8)

Practicing Our Newness
Romans 6:8-14

CHORAL MEDITATION

(choir)

There on the hill where true love died, the Prince of Heaven crucified.
How red the ground, how black the day, as God the Father turned away.

My crown of thorns was His to wear, my guilt and shame were His to bear.
My sin upon His shoulders laid, and by His blood my debt was paid.

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory, be my hope.
What a Savior, what a cost, I will glory in the cross!*

And though its branches held my King, though stained with shame and suffering.
How beautiful that frame to me, for there the Lamb would set me free. *(refrain)*

I will not boast of trophies won, or any good that I have done.
But I will boast in Calvary's tree, and of the Christ who died for me. *(refrain)*

(all, seated)

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

COMMUNION

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE

**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.**

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star sheds its beams around me. *(refrain)***

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadows o'er me. *(refrain)***

**Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed,
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.**

**Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked and scorned,
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.**

*O, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee."*

**Sent of heaven, God's own Son to purchase and redeem.
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree. *(chorus)***

**Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me. Whom the Son sets free, O, is free indeed. *(repeat)***

*O, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee."*

**See, the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah, God be praised, He's risen from the grave!**

*O, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee. Praise and honor unto Thee."*

BENEDICTION

Worship Leaders: The *Worship Choir*; Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Caleb Park, Worship Leader; Electric Guitar, Robert Murray; Brandon Herrington, bass guitar; Landen Howell, drums; Olivia Grace Sistrunk, vocalist; JemmiLou Rushing, Choir Director *(substitute)*

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