

Participating

IN GOD'S SPEECH

High Priest



sermon series

with Dr. Ben Ribbens

Sunday, February 23

Welcome & God's Greeting

Song:

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

**Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

[Chorus]

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

Prayer

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 13:1-17

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. **2** Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. **3** Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. **5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

6 So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. **10** We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

11 The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. **12** And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. **13** Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. **14** For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Message:

“Human Response”

Q & A

Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Offering:

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Leading us in Worship:

Matthew Lanser, Ben Ribbens

Leading us in Music:

Izzy David

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Intra- to extra-trinitarian dialogue

Son of God:

Heb 1: Father speaks Scripture to Son
Father enthrones Son
Son enters rest

Heb 2: Son speaks Scripture to Father
Son uses status to save us
Son brings us into rest

Heb 3–4: Holy Spirit speaks Scripture to us
Enter the rest!

High Priest:

Heb 5, 7: Father speaks Scripture to Son
Father declares high priest
Son enters heavenly sanctuary

Heb 10: Son speaks Scripture to Father
Son uses status to save us
Song brings us into heavenly sanctuary

Heb 10: Holy Spirit speaks Scripture to us
Enter the heavenly sanctuary!

Hebrews 12: Calls to respond

Mount Zion

12:18–21 the mountain they have not come to (Sinai)

-7 rapid descriptors to depict terror

-terror confirmed by two quotes

12:22–24 the mountain they have come to (Zion)

-8 descriptors to depict shalom

-includes believers

12:25–27 the wrong response

-Do not refuse him who speaks

-Why? He can shake all things

12:28–29 the appropriate response

-worship: present participation through
communal worship

Hebrews 13: How to respond

Living life inside and outside the church (vv. 1–5); worship and church leadership (vv. 7–17)

Dialogue between God and worshippers: vv. 5–6

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“Never will I leave you;

never will I forsake you.” (Deut 31:6)

6 So **we say** with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?” (Ps 118:6–7)