

He will save  
his people  
*from*  
*their*  
*sins.*

Matthew 1:21



# Zion Evangelical Church

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Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – Lenten Service

PRELUDES

RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Praise Him, Praise Him"*

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Heidelberg Catechism Question # 14-18

*Leader: Can there be found anywhere, one, who is a mere creature, able to satisfy for us?*

**Cong: None; for, first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man hath committed; and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin, so as to deliver others from it. None; for, first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man hath committed; and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin, so as to deliver others from it.**

*Leader: What sort of a mediator and deliverer then must we seek for?*

**Cong: For one who is very man, and perfectly righteous; and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is also very God.**

*Leader: Why must he be very man, and also perfectly righteous?*

**Cong: Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which hath sinned, should likewise make satisfaction for sin; and one, who is himself a sinner, cannot satisfy for others.**

*Leader: Why must he in one person be also very God?*

**All: That he might, by the power of his Godhead sustain in his human nature, the burden of God's wrath; and might obtain for, and restore to us, righteousness and life.**

*Leader: Who then is that Mediator, who is in one person both very God, and a real righteous man?*

**All: Our Lord Jesus Christ: "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." AMEN! AMEN!**

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father: We acknowledge and confess before Thee our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting thy gifts, in forgetting Your love. Please forgive us these and those we silently confess.**

*(please pray in silence)*

**But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of Thy dear Son. It is in CHRIST'S Name we pray, Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Romans 5:8

*But GOD shows HI love for us in that while we were yet sinners CHRIST died for us.*

\* RESPONSE

*"Oh How He Loves You"*

vs 2 #170

**JESUS to Calvary did go, HIS love for sinners to show.**

**What HE did there brought hope from despair.**

**Oh, how HE loves you; Oh, how HE loves me;**

**Oh, how HE loves you and me.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

\* OFFERTORY

\* RESPONSE

*"HE is Lord"*

#277

**HE is Lord, HE is Lord! HE is risen from the dead, and HE is Lord!**

**Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that JESUS CHRIST is Lord.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING FROM THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:45-49 (p 865)

MESSAGE

*"My God, My God Why hast Thou Forsaken Me?"*

\* CLOSING HYMN

*"And Can It Be"*

#250

\* BENEDICTION

1 Cor 6:20

*For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

\*POSTLUDES

