

Song 1 – Holy, Holy, Holy!

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*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Welcome and Introduction by Andrea Moises

Welcome everyone! This is the Buckminster Road Baptist Church Sunday worship service and we are glad you joined us today or any other day of the week, at your convenient time. I am here with my family to lead you in a time of praise and worship to God and later on Claudio will be sharing a portion of the scriptures that the Lord has put in his heart. Let's never forget God reigns and He is in control of every situation and circumstance we may find ourselves in today. He is sitting on the throne and He is highly exalted above all nations. God is calling us to draw closer and closer to Him and He wants us to be open to His work in our lives. It is His desire to purify and sanctify us. We are called to worship God in the splendour of His majesty and Holiness.

I would like to read ***Psalm 96 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples. 4 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. 6 Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. 7 Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. 9 Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. 10 Say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns.' The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the***

peoples with equity. 11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. 12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. 13 Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Let us pray...

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for being our Lord and Saviour! We worship you in all your beauty, splendour and holiness. We indeed acknowledge that you have all power and glory and nothing else on earth can satisfy us more than you and your sweet presence. That's why we are here. That's why we choose to exalt your name and your majesty. You God alone are worthy of our praise and worship. We come to you in humility, asking you to forgive our sins and fill our hearts with your joy and peace. Please accept our worship and speak into our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen

Song 2 – Holy and Anointed One

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*Jesus, Jesus, Holy and anointed One, Jesus
Jesus, Jesus, Risen and exalted One, Jesus*

***Your name is like honey on my lips
Your Spirit like water to my soul
Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Jesus I love You, I love You***

Song 3 – How Great is our God

<https://youtu.be/9FLiAK3WV7U> Click on the link or copy and paste to your browser in order to hear and follow the song on YouTube.

*The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice*

***How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God***

*Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb*

*Name above all names, worthy of our praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God*

Intercessory Prayer **By Joan Cherry**

Father God,

We come to you now in prayer, some of us are troubled, some sad and fearful, but some of us in some way affected by the troubled times in which we live. There is much we don't understand in spite of all the reports coming out of the media or whatever we read in the newspapers, but despite of some dark days we thank you for the assurance we have that your steadfast love is with us always and will never cease and that your mercies are new every morning, guiding and protecting. Be with us Lord, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Preaching and Teaching by Pr. Claudio Moises **When All Human Efforts Seems in Vain - God is Our Salvation**

Introduction

These are unprecedented times and it seems that our lives here on earth have been put on hold without a clear picture of when it is all coming back to normal. The question that often comes to our mind is: Will life ever be normal again? The approval of vaccines brought us some kind of relief and encouragement, but the new variants of the virus are threatening us all over again. On one hand the lockdowns are helping to stop the spread of the virus, but on the other hand it is creating and causing so many other problems. There is a lot of pain and suffering around the world! Elderly people, whom have already been suffering from loneliness, have to now be shielding and keeping in complete isolation. Children and youth are out of schools and GCSE's and A Levels exams have been cancelled for the second consecutive year. Group sports, which are vital for the well being of our children and youth have been postponed, and these interruptions are quite harmful for their development. In addition to all these there are economic and political instability. Hostility and divisions are growing around the world. There are environmental issues and threats like global warming, an increase of earth quakes, dangers of tsunamis, the hurricanes and floods. When all our human efforts are in vain, God is our salvation! Only God Saves! This is the title of my message today and we are going to read from the book of ***Isaiah 6:1-8 - 1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.'*** ***4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.'*** ***6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'*** ***8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'*** This is a theme we see throughout the book of Isaiah. The prophet's name Isaiah means: God is Salvation – Salvation comes from the Lord. Only God's saves! Isaiah is the evangelist of the Old Covenant and he is considered, by Bible Scholars, the king of the prophets due to the content and beauty of

his message and poetic language. Isaiah was passionate in confronting injustice pointing out God's judgment and the grace and mercy of God. We see a clear division in the book. From chapter 1 to 39 we see prophecies of the reign of this messianic king who will come and rule with power and justice. I believe Isaiah is speaking about the second coming of Jesus when He will come with all His glory and power to judge the nations. And from chapter 40 to 66 we see a servant and suffering king, who came to serve and to suffer the death on the cross to save us. The prophet's message was about God's judgment and mercy. The blessing and curses of the law, which were conditional to their obedience to the Torah, (God's precepts, ordinances and commandments), which were to be obeyed in order for them to enjoy God's blessing and disobedience would bring judgement to them. The title given in the bible to this passage we just read is: *The commission of Isaiah* or in other translation: *Isaiah called to be a prophet*. However, this calling doesn't come at the beginning of the book like we see in the book of Jeremy. Isaiah was already acting in His duty as a prophet. It appears to me that God wanted from him a stronger commitment and consecration for the task he had ahead of him, which wouldn't be easy as people would reject his message. In fact according to the Rabbinic Jewish tradition Isaiah suffered martyrdom and he was killed by the sword. He was sawn in the middle during the Reign of King Manasseh of Judah. When all our human efforts are in vain God is our salvation!

I – God is the King (He is seated on the Throne)

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.” Isaiah 6:1

This was a historical event in the life of Isaiah, we have here the exactly date that He had this vision. ***“In the year that King Uzziah died...”*** - It was a powerful encounter he had with God in the temple. He saw God seated on the throne high and exalted. God reigns over all the nations and He is the King of kings. He is sitting on the throne and he reigns in majesty and power. He is the Lord of all and He reigns over and above all the kingdoms of this earth. All the empires are here on earth to serve Him and God will bring judgment and He will save according to His mercy and grace. Empires would rise and fall like the Egyptians and Assyrians. Kings would rise and fall from their thrones, but God is the King of Kings and He is steadfast sitting and ruling from above. Nothing is out of God's control, His dominion and power is above everything and the universe is in His hands! The apostle John had the same vision in the island of Patmos. ***“At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.” Revelation 4:2*** We can't lose perspective of the sovereignty of our God. What an impact this vision had in the life of the prophet! Even though kings and nations would rise and fall controlling power and things here on earth. The sovereign God is ruling above in Heaven and nothing is out of His control. This corona virus wants to sit on the throne and rule over our lives and dictate what we can or can't do, bringing fear and terror. God is above and He is our King! God saves and judges according to His will. It doesn't matter which president or political party has power. God will judge each one, according to their acts. Everyone one will need to give accounts in front of the Lord God almighty one day of how they used the power that was given to them. Our God is not only sovereign, but He is also a Holy God! This leads me to my second point:

II – God is Holy

“And they were calling to one another: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.’” Isaiah 6:3

God is not only sovereign in power and majesty. Our God is a Holy God and all the angels are worshipping him. Isaiah was confronted with the Holiness of God. Isaiah called those heavenly beings Seraphim and we see Ezekiel calling them Cherubim. According to Jewish traditions there is some kind of hierarchy among the angels. Those that Isaiah saw had an appearance of men with 6 wings. With two wings keeping them flying, two covering their faces and the other two covering their feet in front of the Holy God. Why were they covering their faces and feet? Probably because they could not see God face to face due to His holiness and majesty! Only God is Holy! It's important to notice that those angels are worshipping and proclaiming that God is not only sovereign but He is Holy. He judges and saves according to His character, which is Holy, Holy and Holy. In comparison with what was happening in Judah, people in power were ruling with injustice and sin. Only God saves and He will bring the right judgment on Earth! ***“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. 31 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, ‘The Lord reigns!’ I Chronicles 16:29-31 “Your statutes, Lord, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.” Psalm 93:5 - “Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.” Hebrews 12:14 - “But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” I Peter 1:15-16 - God wants His people to live a holy life. In front of this vision Isaiah was filled with horror and fear. “Woe to me!” I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.’ Isaiah 6:5 - Salvation is a gift from God and it happens by faith, when you confess Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. However, sanctification is a process, in which requires a desire, commitment and discipline from us. We are sinners, saved by His grace and God wants to come close and have a relationship with us. It is only possible because of the cross and the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from our sins. We should allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. God wants to make us more and more like Him and to build His character in us. ***“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24*** - I'd like to illustrate the process of sanctification with a small story that I heard once from someone who had received a gift. The gift was a ticket to travel in a ship. And this ship was just like one from modern Cruises. I have never been on one yet, but I've heard it is very pleasant and beautiful. That person also had never been to a Cruise before, so he was worried about what he was going to eat during the journey. Because he was used to eat bread and cheese he went and bought a lot of bread and cheese and made tones of sandwiches for the journey. So, he was there in the ship and He saw people enjoying all types of food and sitting on banquets. But he went to a corner and picked up his cheese sandwich and he ate. He did that for breakfast, lunch and dinner every single day, while watching other passengers enjoy the food served at the Cruise restaurant. Then one day the captain of the ship saw him eating his cheese sandwich and asked him for his ticket. After he checked it he said: “Sir, your ticket is a full board ticket, you can enjoy the banquets and all the facilities. Unfortunately it was already the end of his journey and the ship was arriving at its destination. God has a lot more in store for us on our journey here on earth than only saving our souls and taking us to heaven. He wants to have a relationship with us so we can be an instrument to bring His kingdom to others. But we will only be able to enjoy His banqueting when we allow Him to work in our lives. He***

wants all of us to engage in this process of sanctification. What are the areas in your life that you need God to sanctify you? Is it in the words you say? The same mouth we use to worship God we can use it to put other people down. Is it in the things you hear? Is your thoughts? Are your actions reflecting what you profess to believe? ***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9*** There is a world out there that needs to hear the Gospel and God is looking for people who will respond to His call and the needs around. This leads me to my third point

III – God is Calling You

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ Isaiah 6:8 - The whole purpose of this vision was to raise someone who could be trusted to be God’s representative to the people. Someone, who would be God’s voice of salvation and judgment here on earth. Isaiah responded: ***“Here am I. Send me”***. Nevertheless we see in the text that the people wouldn’t hear his message and continued on with their wicked ways. Today God is still looking for someone who will respond, live and proclaim the good News of the Gospel. Do you want to be an instrument of peace and reconciliation in our broken world today? Are you available for God to use you against injustice? Perhaps you got used to your Christian life and your salvation. As the years went by your faith in God got cold. It is time for you to wake up and allow the Holy Spirit to bring light in the dark areas of your life. God is calling you today! Can you hear it? ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ How do you respond? Can you respond like the prophet Isaiah? Or do you want to continue in your comfort zone? God wants a strong commitment and consecration from us so that we can be His voice, His hands and His feet here on Earth

Conclusion

With the difficult challenges we face and uncertainties of this modern and broken world we are living, we can’t lose sight of God’s sovereignty. God is seated on the throne. He is high and exalted among the nations and He is the King of Kings. The universe is in His hands. He is sovereign over every situation. God is a Holy God and a consuming fire. We should tremble and fear before Him. We ought to confess our sins, repent and realign our lives. Like pure gold we need the Holy Spirit’s fire to come and purify us from our iniquities and our sins. There is a broken world out there that needs God’s representatives. People with a message of peace and reconciliation, fighting for justice, proclaiming the Gospel! Only God Saves! Jesus is the Saviour of the whole earth.

Responsive Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly come to you and confess our sins and our iniquities. Please forgive us and make us holy. Thank you for calling us to your service and for your Holy Spirit in our hearts showing us the way. We thank you for the revelation of your Kingdom that is everlasting and above every kingdom here on earth. Come and revive us, using us as your instruments of hope, peace and reconciliation. We want to proclaim your Salvation and Justice in the world and we want to see people responding and coming to your kingdom. We pray these things in the name that is above every name. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

Song 4 – Purify my Heart - Refiner's Fire

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*Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold, pure gold*

***Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You, my Master
Ready to do Your will***

*Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within and make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within*

Final Words and Announcements

There's a Zoom prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30pm. The link will be on the email, which I sent with the written service and I will send a reminder on WhatsApp on the day. Next Sunday on our online Worship Service there will be a moment for us to celebrate communion. So, please be ready with two elements: (a small piece of bread and a little cup with wine or grape juice so we can participate together. Gifts and tithes can be sent directly to the church's bank account. Details are on the screen at the end of this video.

Let me finish with an apostolic blessing over you all

May the Grace of the Sovereign God, our Father

The love, hope and peace we find in Jesus Christ; the Son

And the sweet presence, guidance and comfort of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more. Amen

See you all on Next Sunday!