### THE LORD'S DAY

# May 4, 2025 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name,

there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20 **PRELUDE** – The prelude is a time for heart preparation. It is important that we use this time to prepare ourselves for the privilege of entering the presence of the King.

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## **Carpenter's Son**

The little shop at Nazareth,
The peaceful life for which it stood,
The clear, strong, ringing hammer-strokes,
The droning saw, the riven wood,
The murmur of the smoothing plane,The scent of
shavings freshly curled –

When Thou hadst left them all behind And gone Thy way into the world, Where men would hate Thee and revile, And betray Thee with a kiss, And one deny, and all forsake, Was there one added pang in this,

That tools of Thy familiar craft
Should be the things that wounded Thee –
The hammer and the driven nails,
The wood of that accursed tree?
Ah, no! Thou Crowned and Crucified,
Thou Power of God that seemed to fail;
'Twas not of wood Thy cross was made,
'Twas not the hammer and the nail
That drove the blows and fixed Thee there,
And pierced thy hands and feet at last;
Man's hatred and man's sin the cross,
And love – Thy love – that held Thee fast.

Annie Johnson Flint

<sup>&</sup>quot;For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:"

I Peter 2:21