



Series: God's People as a Light to the Nations

Good News for a Broken World

“Where there is no speech we must live in despair. And exile is first of all where our speech has been silenced and God’s speech has been banished. But the prophetic poet asserts hope precisely in exile”
 (Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*, 69)

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”
 (Luke 2: 29-32)

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."
 (1 Peter 2:9-10)

order of worship

prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

call to worship | based on Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

songs of praise

Almighty God
 Almighty God to You all hearts are open
 Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears
 Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy
 Come with Your light we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
 With gratitude we raise our song to You
 Come and fill the praises of Your people
 In grace and truth You make us new again

Hallelujah
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 Hallelujah

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
 We long for more than what this world provides
 No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
 But Your river deep floods over everything

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
 You take away our sickness and our sin
 Oh Lamb of God we gather at Your table
 In bread and wine You have supplied our needs

To You all hearts are open (Almighty God) X 4

Be Thou my Vision
 Be though my vision O Lord of my heart
 Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
 Thou my best thought by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
 Thou my great Father I Thy true son
 Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not no man's empty praise
 Thou mine inheritance now and always
 Thou and thou only first in my heart
 High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
 May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
 Heart of my own heart whatever befall
 Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

welcome & prayer of adoration

prayer for the world, the church & the city

confession

Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before You and confess that we too have often forgotten that we are Yours. Sometimes we carry on with our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to others. For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may be Your witnesses in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

private confession

assurance of pardon | Psalm 103:12
 As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

song of assurance

The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate
 The Lord is gracious and compassionate
 Slow to anger and rich in love
 The Lord is gracious and compassionate
 Slow to anger and rich in love

And the Lord is good to all
 And He has compassion
 On all that He has made

As far as the east is from the west
 That's how far He has removed
 Our transgressions from us

Praise the Lord
 Oh my soul praise the Lord

tithes and offerings

doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

scripture reading Isaiah 49:5-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today | Davi Rabelo

sermon: Good News for a Broken World

song of thanksgiving

Hope of the Nations

Jesus hope of the nations
Jesus comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth
Jesus light in the darkness
Jesus truth in each circumstance
You are the source of heaven's light on earth

In history You lived and died
You broke the chains You rose to life

You are the hope living in us
You are the Rock in whom we trust
You are the light shining for all the world to see
You rose from the dead conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive
(Lord we believe)

benediction | 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word."

peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all
People: And also with you

People's Eye Question: Where is our hope rooted? How can we share this hope in our current situation?

Tithes up to March 29 2020

Yearly Budget	\$355,000
Budget Year to Date	\$88,749
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$70,791
Actual Giving Last Week	\$5,670

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Upward

'A worshipping people' - **Upward**

Worship: we come together corporately to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ

The Word: we submit ourselves to the Bible as our rule for faith and life

Generosity: having received from divine generosity, we overflow with generosity to the world



Inward

'transformed by the peace of God in Christ,' - **Inward**

Sacramental Life: our participation in the sacraments of bread and wine flow into our everyday lives

The Holy Spirit: living by the Spirit, we use His gifts to build the church and bless Vancouver

Prayerful Presence: we intercede for our homes, neighbourhoods and networks, for God to do His work



Outward

'seeking to be faithful stewards of the Kingdom.' - **Outward**

Covenantal Commitments: we covenant with one another to uphold, support and love one another.

Priestly Work: we see all of life as calling (as "vocatio")

Proclamation: we proclaim the Cross of Christ as the accomplishment of God's Kingdom for the world