



God's People as a Light to the Nations

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The Announcement of a New Reign

How beautiful upon the mountains
 are the feet of him who brings good news,
 who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
 who publishes salvation,
 who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
 together they sing for joy;
 for eye to eye they see
 the return of the Lord to Zion.
 Break forth together into singing,
 you waste places of Jerusalem,
 for the Lord has comforted his people;
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.
 The Lord has bared his holy arm
 before the eyes of all the nations,
 and all the ends of the earth shall see
 the salvation of our God.
 Isaiah 52:7-10

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? [a] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"
 Romans 10:12-15

"Responding to an attack on the divine realm by ferocious agents of chaos, the warrior God goes forth into battle. . . . The mythic drama culminates with watchmen announcing the Warrior's return

and with everyone joining in festival of rejoicing and celebration of the restoration of celestial harmony (and of all things)."
 Paul Hanson describing themes of mythology in ancient Near Eastern cultures

order of worship

prelude

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

call to worship | based on Psalm 62

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

People: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

Leader: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

songs of praise

Your Name
 As morning dawns and evening fades
 You inspire songs of praise
 That rise from earth to touch Your heart
 And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
 Your Name is a shelter like no other
 Your Name let the nations sing it louder
 'Cause nothing has the power to save
 But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray
 Come and fill our hearts today
 Lord give us strength to live for You
 And glorify Your Name

I Then Shall Live
 I then shall live as one who's been forgiven
 I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid
 I know my name is clear before my Father
 I am His child and I am not afraid
 So greatly pardoned I'll forgive my brother
 The law of love I gladly will obey

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion
 I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too
 I'll know how fear builds walls instead of bridges

I'll dare to see another's point of view
 And when relationships demand commitment
 Then I'll be there to care and follow through

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welcome & update

prayer for the world, the church & the city

confession

God of love, it is Your will that we should love You with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from You: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your Holy Word, and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen.

private confession

assurance of pardon: John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

song of assurance

I Repent
 Lord if there be any wicked way in me
 Lord if there be any pride
 Lord if there be any false security
 In the things You hold worthless in life

Lord if there be any anger
 Lord if there be any fear
 Lord if there be any skin on my conscience
 And Lord if my judgement is seared

Lord if I foster rebellion
 Lord if I hold unforgiveness
 Lord if I've carelessly let go of promises
 To carry my heart through the years

I repent
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I repent
 For this silence between us must end
 My God

You are perfect in wisdom and mercy
The Lamb Who was slain for my sin
And Your judgement is full of compassion
Your goodness moves me to repent

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 52:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today | Mike Hsu

Sermon : The Announcement of a New Reign

song of thanksgiving

Lord I need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Benediction : Colossians 3:14-15

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

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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 flowing 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