



God's People as a Light to the Nations

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

### The New Heavens, New Earth and a Cemetery

"The child of God has two great marks about him. He may be known by his inward warfare as well as by his inward peace."

- JC Ryle

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live."

-Exodus 33:18-20

"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory,

-Isaiah 66:18

"If glory does not win us to a life of obedience, if visions of the coming King will not suffice,... then maybe the unmistakably horrible rewards of disobedience will drive our wayward hearts to tremble at the word of the Lord."

-JA Motyer

### prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: and also with you**

### call to worship from Psalm 97:1-6

Leader:

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!  
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.  
Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.  
His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.  
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.

### song of praise

#### Majesty

Here I am  
Humbled by Your majesty  
Covered by Your grace so free  
Here I am  
Knowing I'm a sinful man  
Covered by the blood of the Lamb

Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine  
Since You laid down Your life  
The greatest sacrifice

Majesty majesty  
Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

Here I am  
Humbled by the love that You give  
Forgiven so that I can forgive  
Here I stand  
Knowing that I'm Your desire  
Sanctified by glory and fire

Majesty majesty  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your majesty

### welcome & update

### prayer for the world, the church & the city

### confession

Heavenly Father, It is difficult to see and admit the pride we carry within ourselves. Yet pride is the governing principal of our lives. We excel at performing for the applause of a watching world, we exalt ourselves continually while stealing your glory. We have created entire kingdoms in our imaginations where we are worshipped instead of you. In this we have offended your holiness and committed treason against you through our thoughts and actions. We come to you now through your grace, casting aside this dark pride and we renounce our petty kingdoms of self-worship. Humble us, O Lord, that we might be fully brought into the splendor of your glory. Amen

### private confession

#### assurance of pardon: 1 Peter 2:9-10

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.

### song of assurance

From depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation  
Lord turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication  
If Thou iniquities dost mark  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
O who shall stand before Thee

To wash away the crimson stain  
Grace grace alone availeth  
Our works alas are all in vain  
In much the best life faileth  
No man can glory in Thy sight  
All must alike confess Thy might  
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit  
On Him my soul shall rest His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit  
His promised mercy is my fort  
My comfort and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth  
His helping love no limit knows  
Our utmost need it soundeth  
Our shepherd good and true is He  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow

### 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 66: 18-24

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

God's Word Today Mike Hsu

Sermon : The New Heavens, New Earth and a Cemetery

The Lord's Supper | congregation stands

### The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, evermore praising You and singing...

### Sanctus

#### Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

### words of institution and declaration of faith

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

### song of thanksgiving

#### There is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne  
Than all this world has known  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue  
Will one day come  
Before the Son we'll stand  
Made faultless through the Lamb  
Believing hearts find promised grace  
Salvation comes

Hear heaven's voices sing  
Their thund'rous anthem rings  
Through em'erald courts and sapphire skies  
Their praises rise  
All glory wisdom pow'r  
Strength thanks and honour are  
To God our King who reigns on high  
Forever more

And there we'll find our home  
Our life before the throne  
We'll honour Him in perfect song

Where we belong  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye  
As thirst and hunger die  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King  
We'll reign with Him

### benediction: Psalm 67:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

### peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

**People: And also with you**

Tithes up to July31 2020

Yearly Budget	\$355,000
Budget Year to Date	\$207,082
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$152,352
Actual Giving Last Week	\$TBA

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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