



## The Call of the Kingdom; the Testimony of John Mark from his Gospel

### The Breakthrough

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;  
it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."

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and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert

- Isaiah 35:1-6

### order of worship

#### prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you  
**People: and also with you**

#### call to worship from Isaiah 35:3-6

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#### song of praise

##### **Come Ye Sinners**

Come ye sinners poor and wretched  
Weak and wounded sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
Full of pity joined with power  
He is able He is able  
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Every grace that brings you nigh  
Without money without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden  
Bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all  
Not the righteous not the righteous  
Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you this He gives you  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

#### welcome & update

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

#### confession

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love,  
we confess that we have been wayward children.  
We have disobeyed your commands;  
our ears have been deaf to your call;  
our hearts have been cold to your love.  
In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others  
and dishonored your name.  
In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children,  
not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave  
himself for us.

#### private confession

##### assurance of pardon: Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.  
For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,  
by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"  
The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,  
provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

#### song of assurance

##### **Holy Spirit**

Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see

## 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 : Mark 7:24-37 & 8:11-30

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

God's Word Today Mike Hsu

Sermon: The Breakthrough

## sermon outline:

1. The Remarkable Faith of the Syrophenician Woman
2. Songs of Joy at the Coming Kingdom
3. Streams in the Desert
4. The Breakthrough, The Confession

## song of thanksgiving

### Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop

Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

**Benediction:** Romans 15:12-13

And again Isaiah says,  
"The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope."  
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

**People: And also with you**

Tithes up to February 28, 2021

Yearly Budget	\$tba
Budget Year to Date	\$tba
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$31,648
Actual Giving Last Week	\$3,329

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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