



CHRIST
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June 19, 2022
3rd Sunday of Pentecost

REFLECTION

Celebrating Jesus as the God of New Beginnings

Every day has a new beginning,
And it is from Jesus Christ,
The Agent by whom God made the world!
So we sing,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
The week runs its course and begins again.
Every month has a new beginning,
Every year, every century.
Every birth is a new beginning—
For a child, for a family, for a church.

Every milestone passed,
Every season of life finished,
Opens into something new for us.
Bless Christ for the new beginnings he builds into our life!

Bless him, too, for new beginnings in Redemption:
For a New Covenant, a new mediator, new sacrifices;
For new promises, commissions, sacraments;
For the New Creation already begun,
And for the promise of what is to come—
The new heavens and the new earth.

For new forgiveness, granted each time we seek it;
New opportunities, given by a Sovereign Will;
New strength, gained when we admit our weakness.

Praise the Lord, he who announces:
“Behold, I am making all things new!”

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn

O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright:
On Thee, the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune,
Sing holy, holy, holy, To the great God Triune.

On Thee, at the creation, The light first had its birth;
On Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On Thee, our Lord, victorious, The Spirit sent from heaven,
And thus on Thee, most glorious, A triple light was given.

Thou art a port protected From storms that round us rise;
A garden intersected With streams of paradise;
Thou art a cooling fountain In life's dry dreary sand;
From Thee, like Pisgah's mountain, We view our promised land.

Today on weary nations The heavenly manna falls;
To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls,
Where gospel light is glowing With pure and radiant beams,
And living water flowing, With soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining From this, our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining To spirits of the blessed.
To Holy Ghost be praises, To Father, and to Son;
The church her voice upraises To Thee, blessed Three in One.

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Call to Worship

Revelation 21:1–6

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”
Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

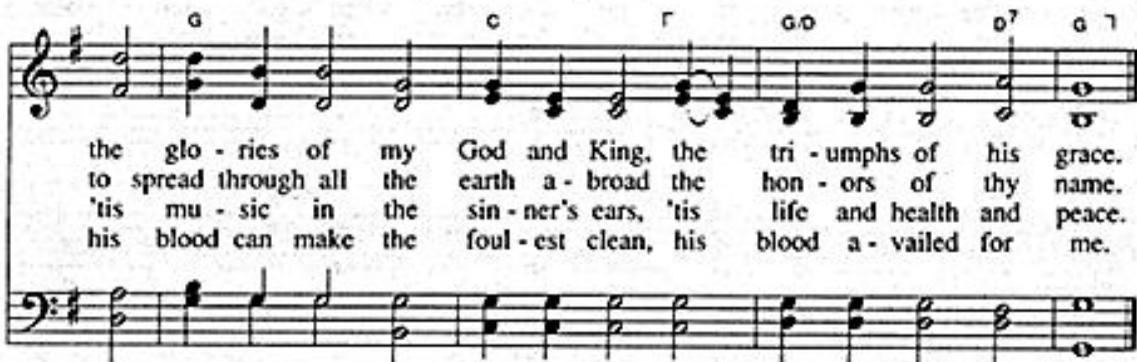
Invocation

Praise Hymn

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing



1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;



the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Confession of Sin

O gracious Father, we come humbly to ask for your Church, that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace.

where is corrupt, purify it;

where it is in error, enlighten it;

where it is in anything misguided, reform it;

for the Spirit, in a great mystery, calls your Church the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Where is right, establish and humble it;

where it is in need, provide for it;

where is divided, reunite it;

All for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, the King in Head of the Church, from whom, through whom, And for whom, all things exist. Amen.

Individual Confession

Absolution

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (repeat)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free

For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (repeat)

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God (repeat)

I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love (repeat)

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Peace of Christ The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became, Perfect Man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin, By His death I live again

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Sermon Text Mark 5:21-43

Sermon The King and the Cross: Mark's Gospel | Pastor Curran Bishop

Response Hymn Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

F D A⁷ D
A 7 D
G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D
A D
G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D
G D
A⁷ D
G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D
A 7 D
G D A⁷ D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

Prayers of the People

Collection

Text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts or visit give.pcamna.org/to/1708/

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your name
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread, Forgive our debts as we forgive
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from all evil
For Thine is the kingdom, Thine is the power
Thine is the glory, Forever and ever Amen, amen

Confession of Faith

Isaiah 43:14–26; 44:1–5

“Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: **“For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: **“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.** Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! **You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.** I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Put me in remembrance; let us argue together; set forth your case, that you may be proved right. But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. **They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the LORD's,' another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and name himself by the name of Israel.**

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.

Communion Hymn Even So Come (Verses 1-2)

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.” Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn

Even So Come (Verse 3)

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Benediction

2 Peter 1:2-3

May grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to glory and excellence.

REFLECTION

When God Does Something New

The doctors at Beijing Children's Hospital were taken aback—caring, but incredulous—as they surveyed Levi's ravaged, nearly lifeless form. "Why are you bothering with this baby? Wouldn't it be more merciful just to let him die? What kind of life do you think he's going to have . . . if he survives? Do you really think anyone would want to adopt such a child?"

Found abandoned in an open field—wrapped in a blanket stuffed with a Chinese bill worth little more than a U.S. dollar—this priceless life had been nearly burned to death. The doctors indicated there was a strong likelihood all of Levi's limbs would have to be amputated.

Are some people, things, and situations too broken to get involved with? Being woven into Levi's story has encouraged and convicted me that we must not give up so easily on messy situations and difficult people. Though all brokenness will be eliminated when Jesus returns, He is in the business of restoring broken things. And He is mightily at work today, accomplishing great things beyond our asking and imagining. Some of the very "messes" we concede as hopeless are the exact places God's mercies prove to be matchless.

Though the first few months of Levi's life were written with the ink of horrific pain, Jesus had more chapters to write with indelible grace. Two thousand years earlier, He told a parable comparing the kingdom of God to finding "**treasure hidden in a field**" (Matthew 13:44). Who could have imagined that finding Levi was meant as a powerful announcement that Jesus' redeeming kingdom has come to Langfang, Beijing, Boston, Franklin, and a whole lot of other places?

"Whatever it takes . . . do whatever it takes to help him. This one matters." My friend, Tim Baker, pled with the doctors who gave Levi only a 20 percent chance of survival. He promised that he and his wife, Pam, would adopt Levi if the lead physician at Beijing Children's Hospital would try to save his life. "I would be proud to have him as a son, and it will be a joy to see him graduate from high school and walk down the aisle on his wedding day." Tim's words were saturated with an alien love, and the skilled surgeon agreed to do her best to care for Levi.

The night before Levi's first surgery, Lisa Bentley, one of the Baker's colleagues, spent the evening beside Levi's incubator reading the Scriptures to him and soothing his little spirit through prayer and the cooing sounds emanating from her maternal instincts. As Levi gazed into her eyes, Lisa's heart nearly broke as she watched him try his best to suck his little burned thumb.

The morning came, and with it, new mercies. It was as though God had mobilized a multitude of angels, as the hospital staff in Beijing rallied around Levi with extraordinary interest and investment, both during surgery and afterward in his recovery. Their around-the-clock attention resulted in tremendous success. Levi not only survived, but when he was strong enough for the trip, he was flown to Boston, where the skilled staff at the Shriners Hospital performed additional surgeries—for free!

—Steven Curtis Chapman, *Restoring Broken Things* (2005)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group | Meeting tonight at 5:30 at the Bishops' house for a community meal. Signup to bring a dish, drink or side on the link in the weekly email.

Men's Breakfast | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting | 7-7:50pm. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other.

[Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

Men's & Women's Bible Studies | Women will meet on 6/25, from 9-10:30am; Men will meet 7/9. Email questions for either study to info@cpcmilford.org.

Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship | Generally 3rd weekends, rotating months: the women will meet in July. RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org.

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