

Christ Church
Trinity Sunday
June 7, 2009
10:30am Berkeley, 5:00pm Rockridge

Gathering and Reflecting

"Batter my heart, three-person'd God ; for you
As yet but knock ; breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise, and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force, to break, blow, burn, and make me new.
I, like an usurp'd town, to another due,
Labour to admit you, but O, to no end.
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captived, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be loved fain,
But am betroth'd unto your enemy ;
Divorce me, untie, or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me."
-John Donne (1572-1631), Holy Sonnet 14

Prelude

Today's Worship Pastor: Jonathan St. Clair
Today's Teaching Pastor: Bart Garrett

Call to Worship - Psalm 100

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good
and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom
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Come Weary Souls

Come weary souls, with sin distressed,
Come and accept the promised rest;
The gospel's gracious call obey,
And cast your gloomy fears away.

Refrain:

Here mercy's boundless ocean flows,
To cleanse your guilt and sin;
Pardon, and life, and endless peace;
How rich the gift, how free the grace!

Oppressed with guilt (a painful load),
O come and spread your woes abroad,
Divine compassion, mighty love,
Will all the painful load remove.

Dear Savior, let thy powerful love
Confirm our faith, our fears remove;
Forgiveness shed through every breast,
And guide us to eternal rest.
Text: Anne Steele (1716-1778); Music: Karl Diggerness, 2005

Confession of Sin

Jesus said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to that person; then come and offer your gift."

Silence is kept for private confession of sin.

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
Amen.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of Adoration

Welcoming One Another

Children in kindergarten through fourth grade may be dismissed for Children's Church at this time.

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage sorrow and night Jesus I come
Into Your freedom gladness and light Jesus I come
Out of my sickness into Your health
Out of my want into Your wealth
Out of my sin and into Your self
Jesus I come, I come

Out of my shame failure and loss
I lay them down at the foot of Your cross
Out of my selfishness wanting and greed
Lord I will follow wherever You lead

Chorus
Lord I am thirsty Lord I am down on my knees
And through all of the valleys Your word has spoken to me
For You are my shepherd all that I want all I need
Jesus I come

Out of the fear of all the unknown Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Your home Jesus I come
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of the sheltering fold
Forever Your glorious face to behold
Jesus I come I come

Text: William Sleeper, 1887; New Music by Craig Anderson, Billy Smiley, Scott Wesley Brown (2005)

The Lord's Word

The Bible (from 'papyrus, scroll'), consists of the books of the Old Testament (Law, Prophets, and Writings) and the New Testament (Gospels, Acts, Letters, and Revelation). The Scriptures are God's words – his powerful, authoritative self-expression and revelation. The prose and poetry of the various genres of the Bible tell the story of God's redeeming love for the world, making us "wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ... thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3). Listen to God's voice calling, shaping, energizing, and directing his church in her mission to bless the world and build the kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6).

Old Testament Lesson

A reading from Isaiah 53:6-12.

Isa 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

A reading from 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

2Ti 4:6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 7:36-50.

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Teaching

Series: Partying With Jesus
Title: Partying with the Damaged

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

- *We offer our gifts in gratitude and faith in response to God's gifts of bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ.*
- *The Christian church has historically taken up alms for the poor, weak, and needy during worship.*
- *Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources -time, talents, treasures - as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God's grace, which enables the church to continue doing God's work in the church, the city, and the world.*
- *Those who are not Christians should feel under no compulsion to give; your presence is a good gift to us.*
- *Many members and regular attenders give tithes and special offerings through automatic bill payment via bank check; your bank will gladly set that up for you. Checks for the offering may be made payable to Christ Church. All gifts are tax deductible with receipts issued at the conclusion of the tax year.*

Lead me to the Cross

Savior I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your Blood was spilled
For my ransom
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus
Lead me to the cross
Where Your Love poured out
Bring me to my knees

Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The Word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

To Your Heart
To Your Heart
Lead me to Your Heart
Lead me to Your Heart

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Prayers of the People

As we prepare to come to Jesus in the feast of the Lord's Supper, we also bring the church, the city, and the world before the throne and table of our King. We pray together with one heart and mind, agreeing with the prayers offered, and adding our own silent prayers.

The Lord's Supper

The signature celebratory feast of Christians has many names: the Love Feast, the Freedom Meal, the Bread Breaking, the Lord's Supper, Communion (from 'sharing'), the Eucharist (from 'thank you'), and the Mass (from 'Go, you are sent out'). This adaptation of the Jewish Passover has always been a common, shared, joyous family meal for those who follow Jesus, looking back to his once-for-all sacrificial death and looking forward to his return. When we celebrate the feast we commune with the risen Lord Jesus who stands as our host to offer forgiveness, healing, and life; we also commune with one another, participating together in the reconciling grace of God.

We invite all who follow Jesus to partake of the Lord's Supper – Christians who confess the faith, are at peace with God and neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not yet a Christian, or if you are a Christian who is not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage your prayerful observation in the hopes that you may consider your relationship with Jesus and with his church.

The order of our celebration follows the four actions Jesus performed with the bread and wine when he gathered his disciples around the table: he took, he blessed, he broke, and he gave.

"He Took"

Let us confess our faith from The Apostle's Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended to the dead.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

“He Blessed and Broke”

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

As our Savior taught us, so we pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

“He Gave”

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

- *You may come by rows, beginning with the front row, to receive Holy Communion. Eat the bread when you are ready and hold onto the cup (red wine or white grape juice) so we can drink it together as a symbol of our unity in Christ.*
- *Those who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come to the servers to receive a blessing. You may fold your arms across your chest to indicate that you will not receive bread and wine.*
- *Please place your communion cups in the recycle bin in the back of the worship space at the conclusion of the service.*

Prayers During Communion

Prayer for Truth

God, if you are real and you care about me, please show up in my life. Give me understanding of mind and experience of heart to know who you are, who I am, and what life in this world is about. If Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life," then I need you to persuade me. If it is true that "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again," then give me faith. Amen.

Prayer for Repentance and Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Renouncing Sin

Lord Jesus, you have called us to be poor in spirit, meek, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, merciful, and pure in heart. Grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the bread of life. Enable me to love you with my whole heart and love my neighbor as myself. Amen.

Prayer for Renewal and Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, to love God and neighbor, and to a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, to pursue forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace, and to live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Communion Prayer

Let us give thanks to God.

Father, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living again, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the way to glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall live in perfect freedom,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be

filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as You choose.

Chorus

Here am I, all of me.
Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own
it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord I pour
at Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.

Community Life

Blessing and Sending

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. 2
Corinthians 13:13
And also with you.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Those who regularly worship with us may help us recycle the outer worship folder by placing them in the re-use bin in the back.

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New to Christ Church?

We encourage you to take the outer worship folder home with you as it is complete with important contact information.

Who are you?

If you are new to Christ Church, we would like to know who you are so we can help you get involved in the life of our church. Please help us by 1) filling out a Connection Card and giving it to a pastor; 2) emailing Jose@christchurchberkeley.org or 3) texting your name and email address to 510-295-5348.

Connection at Christ Church - Saturday, June 27, 5-7:30pm

If you are new to Christ Church, Connection at Christ Church is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about our purpose, vision, and mission, as well as how to best participate in the life and ministry of our church. Our gathering will be a potluck dinner at the home of Jose and Laura Figueroa (2820 Fulton St., Berkeley), and we will let you know what to bring after we finalize the guest list. Please RSVP on the website as soon as you know you can come, and we respectfully ask that you RSVP at least one week out from the event so we can prepare for the appropriate number.

Newcomer Groups

Newcomer Groups are for those who have already attended Connection at Christ Church. They meet on Sundays for one hour over the course of four weeks. The pastors lead these groups in order to foster relationships among those who are new to Christ Church, to explore the vision and mission of the church, and to help you know how to become more involved. Please contact Jose Figueroa to RSVP for the next Connection: jose@christchurchberkeley.org.

Weekly Emails about Upcoming Events

Sign up on our home page for "This Week at Christ Church," a weekly or bi-weekly email about upcoming events in the life of our community. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Upcoming Events

For a complete listing of announcements and information, please visit our announcements page and website calendar at www.christchurchberkeley.org.

Community Group Survey

If you have NOT participated in a Community Group, it will be especially helpful if you would take 10 minutes to complete this survey. Those who have been in a Community Group, your feedback will directly impact the way we plan for Fall 2009. You will find the survey on the home page of our website. Many thanks!

Early Church History - Sundays, May 24 to June 28

What happened after Jesus ascended and the Holy Spirit descended? Does the history and tradition of the early church have anything to do with us today? Join us for a 6-week survey of the history of the church from Pentecost to the Council of Nicea and beyond. This one-hour class, taught by Jonathan St. Clair, will meet following the worship services.

Marriage Enrichment - Thursdays for 6 weeks, beginning June 4, 6-8pm

Nearly married? Newly married? Lost track of how long you have been married? Whether you are currently in a strong relationship and want to make it even better, or you are having difficulties and need help, we hope this introductory seminar will enrich your marriage and help your relationship attain its highest potential. The Art and Science of Love is a groundbreaking workshop via DVD format, in which leading relationship experts Drs. John and Julie Gottman teach powerful information and tools for building and maintaining a loving and successful relationship. Read more at www.gottman.com/marriage/video_workshop. We will meet at College Avenue Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$30 per couple for materials and childcare. Please RSVP on the Christ Church website.

Vocare - Sunday, June 28, 6:30-8:30

Vocare is Latin for "calling." Our vocations are not incidental but integral to who we are as human beings. Join us as we explore the purpose, meaning, and significance of the work of our hands. Tables will be organized according to vocation (legal, medical/healing, technology, the arts, homemaking, etc.). Conversations will involve a spiritual dimension, though any and all friends are welcome to attend. Please ask questions or RSVP to bart@christchurchberkeley.org. We will meet in the Coffee Room immediately following evening worship (5951 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618). Dinner will be served at a cost of \$7.00 per person; childcare will not be provided.

Summer Book Study and Support Group for Women - Mondays, beginning June 15, 7-8:30pm

Join us for a 12-week study of Dan Allender's book *The Wounded Heart: Hope for Adult Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse*. While this book was written primarily for victims of sexual abuse, it is also immeasurably helpful for those healing from emotional, verbal, and physical abuse, no matter how minor or seemingly insignificant it has been in your life. This group is intended to be a safe haven for women to be encouraged to move out of shame and bondage and into joy and freedom. Please contact Laura Figueroa for more information: laurabfig@gmail.com. All inquiries will be held in strictest confidence. Meeting location TBD.

June Book Group - *Descent into Hell* by Charles Williams

Charles Williams was a member of the Inklings, the group of creative Oxford Christians of the 1930s and 1940s that included C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. The key to William's mystically oriented theological thought, *Descent into Hell* (arguably his greatest novel) is a multidimensional story about human beings who shut themselves up in their own narcissistic projections, so that they are no longer able to love, to "co-inhere." The result is a veritable hell. Contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested in this discussion.

We Need You

Host a Community Group for Fall 2009

Do you have an apartment or house that will comfortably accommodate 8-12 people? Would you be willing to host a Community Group from mid-September through mid-December? This typically amounts to 3-4 nights a month. If you are able and willing, please contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org.

Help with Summer Sunday Operations

With many people traveling during the summer, we need extra hands to setup, serve, and breakdown during Sunday worship. Please show up in Berkeley at 9am and in Rockridge at 3:45pm and we will put you to work. Thank you!

Looking for Others in Your Season of Life?

Mom's Group - Wednesdays, 10-11:30am

Join us on Wednesdays as we alternate book discussions (College Avenue Presbyterian Church) and park play days (Willard Park). Please contact Hee Won Kim with any questions at heewonwang@yahoo.com or (510)735-7577.

Cornerstone (40+) - Monthly Gathering

These monthly gatherings are for folks 40+ who want foster relationships and think creatively about investing in the broader community. Please contact Kyle Smith with questions at kylesmith@earthlink.net.

Graduate Students & Young Professionals - Summer Kick-Off BBQ - Saturday, June 13, 12pm

Kick off summer in style at the Second Saturday BBQ at the Emeryville Marina Park. We'll be firing up the grill and enjoying the start of Summer 2009! Please bring a favorite snack, side or drink to share. We will also have a donation box to support a local mentoring non-profit, Lafayette School Mentoring Project (www.lsmptutor.org), so consider making a tax-deductible contribution to benefit this valuable community program. Questions? Contact Ricky Shin at ricky.shin@gmail.com or (510) 919-6062. Second Saturday Social gatherings are for professionals and students who want to explore the Bay Area and connect with people at Christ Church and the broader community.

Weekly Worship

Morning Prayer - 7:15 to 7:45am on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Join us for morning prayer based on a simple structure of The Book of Common Prayer. You may leave early as needed or stick around for coffee and conversation. We meet at the Christ Church Office (Tuesdays - 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley 94704) and St. Clairs' home (Thursdays - 5945 Keith Avenue, Oakland 94618).

Community Group - Taking a break for the Summer

Joining a Community Group (15 weeks) is the best way to connect with other people at Christ Church and explore what it means to love God and neighbor. During the fall and spring, these groups of 8-14 people meet in apartments and homes throughout the Bay Area during the week to pray and help one another love God and neighbor. Please visit our Google map on the website to sign up for a Neighborhood Group nearest to you.

Next Teaching in this Series "Partying With Jesus"

Title: Partying with the Despised
Text: Luke 5:27-32

Teaching Notes

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Please contact office@christchurchberkeley.org to schedule an appointment with a pastor or to submit prayer requests, questions, or concerns for the Christ Church staff.

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