

Christ Church

Second Sunday in Epiphany

January 17, 2010
10:30am Berkeley, 5:00pm Rockridge

Gathering and Reflecting

I wonder if anything is more urgent today, for the honor of Christ and for the spread of the gospel, than that the church should be, and should be seen to be, what by God's purpose and Christ's achievement it already is - a single new humanity, a model of human community, a family of reconciled brothers and sisters who love their Father and love each other, the evident dwelling place of God by his Spirit. Only then will the world believe in Christ as Peacemaker. Only then will God receive the glory due his name.

- Rev. John Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*

I have come to feel that the primary reality of which we have to take account in seeking for a Christian impact on public life is the Christian congregation. How is it possible that the gospel should be credible, that people should come to believe that the power which has the last word in human affairs is represented by a man hanging on a cross? I am suggesting that the only answer, the only hermeneutic of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it.

- Rev. Lesslie Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*

Prelude

Today's Worship Pastor: Jose Figueroa
Today's Teaching Pastor: Jonathan St. Clair

Call to Worship - Psalm 72

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

Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.

**May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.**

May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.**

May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.

**May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.**

In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

May he rule from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.

**He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.**

He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.

Lord Let Your Glory Fall

Chorus

You are good, You are good
And Your love endures
You are good, You are good
And Your love endures
You are good, You are good
And Your love endures today

Lord, let Your glory fall
As on that ancient day
Songs of enduring love
And then Your glory came
And as a sign to You
That we would love the same
Our hearts will sing that song
God, let Your glory come

Voices in unison
Giving You thanks and praise
Joined by the instruments
And then Your glory came
Your presence like a cloud
Upon that ancient day
The priests were overwhelmed
Because Your glory came

A sacrifice was made
And then your fire came
They knelt upon the ground
And with one voice they praised

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To You Alone

Lost and stranded empty handed
Broken down and all alone
Your mercy it entered into darkness
And enfolded us in love

Pre-Chorus

We give You all we are
For the glory of Your Name
We give all we are for Your praise

Just a glimmer of Your glory

And the earth falls to its knees
You level the mountains with a whisper
And You calm the raging seas

Pre-Chorus

We give You all we are
For the glory of Your Name
We give all we are for Your praise

Chorus

Let the earth come to life
In the light of heaven's glow
And the streets sound with joy
As the shackles lose their hold
You laid down Your life for one and all
So we give all we are to You alone

This means freedom for the captive
And good news for those in need
Your message is justice and compassion
God of love and Prince of Peace

Bridge

With one voice we sing hallelujah
All the earth cry out hallelujah
With the angels sing hallelujah
Jesus Christ is King

We give everything to You alone
We give everything to You alone
We give everything

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Reception of New Members

Matt & Laurie Beardsley , Jennifer Chang, Carolyn Chen, Stephanie Chin, Kevin & Lauren Christopher, Alex Chun, Eric & Shea Gilbert, Jim Haynes, Jenny Hong, Andrea Jaquith, Karrie Johnson, Dominic Lapari, Ezra Lee , Andrew & Jackie Lerner, Ryan & Lora Smith

Affirmations of Faith

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Member Commitments

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and lifestyle the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society by praying for the world and its leaders, by defending the poor and weak, and by seeking peace and justice?
I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and through worship and the sacrificial offerings of your time, talents, and treasures seek to advance God's purposes in Berkeley, Oakland, and throughout the world?
I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you accept the spiritual guidance of the church and promise to walk in a spirit of Christian love with this congregation, seeking those things that make for unity, purity, and peace?
I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you as a congregation promise to love and encourage these brothers and sisters by teaching the good news of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in friendship, prayer, and service?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Welcoming One Another

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

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.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: Old 100th, 1551

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

Words: John Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1787

Music: Early American melody, harmonized 1866

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).

New Testament Lesson

A reading from Ephesians 1:1; 2:1, 4-10, 13-14a, 15b-22.

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

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Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14a For he himself is our peace.

15b His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus him-

self as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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

Teaching

Series: Resolved
Title: To Make Peace

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.*

Gospel Lesson

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:9; John 20:19-22.

Mt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

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Jn 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

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

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.

Let us pray for the church...

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the city...

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world...

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give ear to our prayers, O Father,
for the sake of your son Jesus,
our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.

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 – Baptized 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, 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.
Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts;
you have satisfied our hunger with good things.
In giving all, you have not withheld from us
your own dear Son.
How can we withhold anything from you,
our Lord and our God?
Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves completely to your service
and walk with joy in the footsteps
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all redeeming love his precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Chorus

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742; Music: Kevin Twit, 1996
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Blessing and Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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?

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church through community for the city. We hope you will join us in the mission.

Welcome Table

At the conclusion of the worship service, please stop by the Welcome Table on your way out. You will meet someone who can give you more information about the church and help you fill out a card for the upcoming Newcomer Meal.

Newcomer Meal - Sunday, Jan 17

We invite you to join the pastors, other newcomers, and folks from the Christ Church community for a casual meal within the first several weeks or months of your first visit to Christ Church. You will get to know others in our community, hear the story, vision, and mission of Christ Church, and learn how you can be more involved in our worship and work. Fill out a Newcomer Card at the Welcome Table to let us know you are interested.

Newcomer Class - Sundays, Jan 31 to Feb 21, following worship services

After you have come to our Newcomer Meal, please join the pastors and other newcomers for a four-week, one-hour class to get to know one another, explore what we believe about Christianity, and discover how you can partner with Christ Church to put those beliefs into practice in your life, church, community, and city. We meet immediately following each worship service.

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.

Pledge Campaign Update - Thursday, Jan 21, 6-7:30pm

To date, our congregation has pledged \$310,000 over the next 2.5 years. To God be the glory! And to you be many thanks! We are currently in exciting and hopeful negotiations with the Grace North Church, and it seems that we could be using our pledge dollars sooner rather than later. Please remain in prayer with us about this potential move. In light of these negotiations, we are hosting a pizza dinner at College Avenue Presbyterian Church as a way of saying "Thank you," and also to discuss the present and future of the pledge campaign more fully. Please join us if 1) you are a member, 2) you have pledged to the campaign, or 3) are interested in learning more about the pledge campaign. Please RSVP to bart@christchurchberkeley.org. If you need childcare, please copy emily@christchurchberkeley.org with the ages of your children.

New Family-Friendly Community Group - Starting Thursday, Feb 4, 6-7:30pm

Do you have to fall off the face of the earth when you have young children? Do significant relationships and a substantive spiritual life have to go out the window? The Christ Church pastors will lead a family-friendly group at College Avenue Presbyterian Church through March; we hope that by April the group will be established with everyone serving in different capacities. Dinner will be shared from 6:00-6:30; childcare will be shared among the group from 6:30-7:30 so that parents can pray and engage in a guided discussion without distractions. Kids will be home and in bed at a reasonable time. Please contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested.

Day of Peace - Saturday, Feb 6, 9-12pm

Join us at LeConte Elementary School in Berkeley and Claremont Middle School in Oakland, helping their PTAs with various buildings and grounds projects. Snacks and drinks will be provided; wear your work clothes & bring your friends! Please RSVP at the Project Peace Website (www.projectpeaceeastbay.org). NOTE: Both sites are family friendly; no childcare provided, but supervised children welcome.

Lenten Prayer Retreat - March 5-7

The season of Lent is a time to draw closer to God in prayer. This co-ed retreat will involve corporate prayer, reflections on prayer, and directed silence in which to be alone with God for reading, journaling, and prayer. The retreat will be at St. Columba Retreat House near Point Reyes. There is space for thirty people, and the cost is \$80 per person. Please contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested.

Teachers for Children's Church

We need teachers for Children's Church at the Rockridge worship service. You will be given curriculum and training to teach once per month or be a substitute. Please contact Ann.Ellistonann@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested.

Baptism and Beliefs - Sundays, Time TBD

Are you wondering whether you or your child should be baptized? Do you want to explore the meaning of baptism and the basics of the historic Christian faith?

Feb 28: Watch and discuss a video about baptism

Mar 14: "I believe in God the Father"

Mar 21: "I believe in Jesus Christ"

Mar 28: "I believe in the Holy Spirit"

Please contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested.

Saving Your Marriage Before (and After) It Starts – March to May, Day & Time TBD

Nearly married? Newly married? Can't remember how long you have been married? In this 8-week group we will view and discuss videos from Drs. Les and Lesslie Parrott. Please contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested.

Enroll in Financial Peace University – March to June, Day & Time TBD

This life-changing 13 week video program teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money and empowers you with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 91 days of Financial Peace University. Please contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested.

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 Figueroa's home (Tuesdays - 2820 Fulton St, Berkeley 94705) and St. Clairs' home (Thursdays - 5945 Keith Avenue, Oakland 94618).

Next Teaching in this Series "Resolved"

Title: To Tell the Story

Text: Ephesians 2:8-10; 3:1-13

Teaching Notes

Christ Church Staff

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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