

Sermon- Joe Dent

WHAT GIFT OF GRACE IS JESUS MY REDEEMER

There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat;
Yet not I but through Christ in me.
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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Go in peace to speak and shine for Jesus,
In the name of Christ, Amen.

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A Warm Welcome to St. Andrew's

12th May 2024, 6:30pm . Evening Service. The Sunday after Ascension Day.

Phil Cairns will be leading and **Joe Dent** will be speaking on **2 Corinthians 3:7-18**

We meet in the name of God
Father, Son and 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

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Opening Prayer

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

CREATOR GOD, WHO SHAPED THE EARTH AND HEAVENS,

Your glory shines in all that you have made.
You spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness;
All earth replies: "majestic is Your name!"

2. And who am I, though made below the angels,
That You, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

3. Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
As on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark.
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,
The One who spoke out stars now breathes His last.

4. And who am I, the lowliest of sinners,
That You would pay the price my sin deserves?
My Maker scarred for those who marred His likeness,
And from His wounds flows mercy unreserved.

Confession

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in the newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.

WHO ELSE COMMANDS ALL THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN?

Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

*Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.*

5. O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,
Death could not hold the One who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness,
And in our hearts, His risen life now shines.

6. And who are we, that You would call us children
And raise us up from death to life with you,
Where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
"O praise the One who's making all things new!"

7. And so we wait in eager expectation
And join the song as all creation groans:
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
The Day you call Your sons and daughters home."

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What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God!

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Prayers

*Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*Ending with...
Merciful Father,*

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name; your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as 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 the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU

To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise,
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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