

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MARK



LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. LOVE ASHEVILLE.

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ASHEVILLE

“It would have been much simpler if God had destroyed the whole fallen world and replaced it with an entirely new one. But it was his good pleasure to re-establish the fallen world, and to liberate from sin the same mankind that had sinned.”

– *Herman Bavinck*

“The heart of Christianity is a myth which is also a fact. The old myth of the Dying God, without ceasing to be a myth, comes down from the heaven of legend and imagination to the earth of history.”

– *CS Lewis*

“Only at the cross of Christ does man see fully what it is that separates him from God; yet it is here alone that he perceives that he is no longer separated from God. Nowhere else does the inviolable holiness of God, the impossibility of overlooking the guilt of man stand out more plainly; but nowhere else does the limitless mercy of God, which utterly transcends all human standards, stand out more clearly and plainly.”

– *Emil Brunner*

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Come People of the Risen King

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1. Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.
2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.
3. Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”

Refrain:

Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 12:2

Minister: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid,

All: **for the LORD God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1. Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, Oh let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Belgic Confession, Article 26

Minister: What do you believe concerning Jesus' love for you?

All: **For neither in heaven nor among the creatures on earth is there anyone who loves us more than Jesus Christ does.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come, O Come, Thou Holy Spirit

Words: Anonymous, Joachim Neander, Julie Melucci | Music: Julie Melucci ©2015 Julie Melucci Music (SESAC)

1. Come, O come Thou Holy Spirit
Light and life Thy grace imparts
Blessed Source of consolation
Guide our minds and fill our hearts
Grant my mind and my affections
Wisdom, counsel, purity
That I may be ever seeking
Only that which pleases Thee
2. Savior lead us to adore Thee
By the true and living way
Then with angel hosts before Thee
May we worship, love and praise
Dwell within us, precious Spirit
Where Thou art no ill can come
Bless us now through Jesus' merit
Reign in every heart and home
3. Holy Spirit, strong and mighty
Thou who makest all things new
Make Thy work within me perfect
Help me by Thy word so true
In Thy faith, O make me steadfast
Let not Satan, death or shame
Of my confidence deprive me
Lord, my refuge is Thy name
4. When my final hour approaches
Let my hopes grow yet more bright
Let Thy love which never fails me
Dissipate the gloom of night
From that height which knows no measure
Fairer far than voice can tell
In Thy glorious courts of heaven
There, redeemed by Christ, to dwell

CALL TO CONFESSION

Titus 3:4-7

“When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

CONFESSION OF SIN*

Minister: Father, we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and their source.
We forget about you.
We forget to hear you.
We forget to believe you.
We forget to trust you.
We forget your promises to us.
We forget your love for us.
We forget who and whose we are.
We forget to love you in response.
We forget to love others as ourselves.
We forget to thank you for all things.

All: Forgive us.

(You're invited to take a moment of silent confession.)

Minister: Father, grant us the desire, courage, and strength to cling to you alone. Give us fresh minds to comprehend you, clear eyes to see you, open ears to hear you, new hearts to receive you, and strong hands to serve you. Help us live our whole lives in thanksgiving to you. Thank you for burdening yourself with us. Your rescue comes quickly to our aid, your love endured our curse, and your mercy bore our earned punishment. So let our consciences be tender and clear, let us walk in humility, let us bathe in your forgiveness, and live triumphantly as heirs of salvation earned for us by Jesus Christ.

All: We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”

HYMN OF PARDONING GRACE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.

Mark 14:53-65

53 And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. **54** And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. **55** Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. **56** For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. **57** And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, **58** “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” **59** Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. **60** And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” **61** But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” **62** And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” **63** And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? **64** You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. **65** And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” And the guards received him with blows.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

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1. Praise the Savior now and ever;
praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying suff'ring, dying
on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict'ry gaining life obtaining
now in glory he doth rise.
2. Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth;
he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever
set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit
light and peace and happiness.
3. Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger
hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison;
o'er the tomb he light has shed.
4. For his favor, praise forever
unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever,
Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit
he doth us salvation bring.

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

SENDING HYMN

Lord God, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Peace

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Oh God, now let your servant depart in peace;
For our eyes have seen your saving grace.
A light to the world and the light of life
Seen in our Savior's face.

Alle-lu-ia! Allelu-ia! Allelu - ia!

THE SENDING

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For assistance with any of the announcements below, or if you have further questions, please reach out to John Hopple (john@citychurchavl.org). If you'd like to receive emails and information for events at City Church, please fill out the contact information form via our website: citychurchavl.org/connect

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING :: THURSDAYS, 7:00 AM

Join us Thursday mornings for an informal prayer meeting via Zoom. Feel free to jump on the call as you are able, and come and go as you need.

BREAKFAST WITH THE GUYS :: FRIDAYS, 7:00 AM

Breakfast with the guys is back!. Our plan for the foreseeable future is to meet out at the Gibson Farm in East Asheville (277 Moffitt Branch Rd. Asheville, NC 28805). Breakfast will not be provided at this point so please bring your own breakfast and beverage of choice. Join us as we gather fireside and enjoy some socially distanced fellowship. Email John Hopple for further details, including detailed driving and COVID related directions.

Want to connect with City Church?

If you'd like to keep up with news, information, and events in the life of the church, please text the word **“visiting”** to **94000** and follow the prompts. We'll receive your basic contact information and keep you in the loop!

Need prayer?

We invite you to text your prayer requests to the elders and staff at **828.374.8883**. Unless otherwise specified by you, prayer requests will only be made known to the Session and staff of City Church.



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