



Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: the Dawn of a Covenant

A Great Triumph and a Greater Priest and King

Unless the Lord builds the house,
 those who build it labor in vain.
 Unless the Lord watches over the city,
 the watchman stays awake in vain.
 It is in vain that you rise up early
 and go late to rest,
 eating the bread of anxious toil;
 for he gives to his beloved sleep. -Psalm 127:1,2

“When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, for the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.’ -Deut 20:1-4

The Lord has sworn
 and will not change his mind,
 “You are a priest forever
 after the order of Melchizedek.” -Psalm 110:4

Order of Worship

Welcome & Update

Prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you

Call to Worship: from Jeremiah 63

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

ALL: My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

Songs of Praise

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go
 O Love that will not let me go,
 I rest my weary soul in thee;
 I give thee back the life I owe,
 That in thine ocean depths its flow
 May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
 I yield my flickering torch to thee;
 My heart restores its borrowed ray,
 That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
 May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
 I cannot close my heart to thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,
 And feel the promise is not vain,
 That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
 I dare not ask to fly from thee;
 I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
 And from the ground there blossoms red
 Life that shall endless be.

Be Thou My Vision
 Be Thou my vision,
 O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me,
 save that Thou art

Thou my best thought,
 by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping,
 Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom,
 and Thou my true Word;
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father,
 and I Thy true son;
 Thou in me dwelling,
 and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not,
 nor man’s empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance,
 now and always:
 Thou and Thou only,
 first in my heart,
 High king of heaven,
 my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven,
 my victory won,
 May I reach heaven’s joys,
 O bright heaven’s sun!
 Heart of my own heart,
 whatever befall,
 Still be my vision,
 O ruler of all.

Children’s Message

Prayer for the World, the Church & the City

Confession

Gracious God and heavenly Father, you have loved us with an unfailing love, but we have not loved you with our whole heart. Though you have called us to be steadfast in faith, we remain enticed by our many sins, forgetting the new life that your Son purchased for us at the cross. We remain slow in obedience, fickle in prayer, and consumed by our sinful desires. Our deeds and attitudes do not reflect the gospel that we claim to believe. Change us O Lord, by Your Spirit making us more like Jesus so that we may desire and live out faith and obedience instead. Help us to live as the people you have called us to be. It’s in the mighty name of Jesus that we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people, he is the saving refuge for his anointed. Oh save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Song of Assurance

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,

The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Tithes and Offerings

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.

Scripture - Genesis 14:8-24

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today- Mike Hsu

A Great Triumph and a Greater Priest and King

Sermon Outline

1. Abraham's Courageous Rescue of Lot
2. The Appearing of the Sodomite King and of Melchizedek
3. Abraham's Response of Firstfruits to Melchizedek
4. A "Give Me" vs. A Generous Heart
5. The Greater Priest and King After Melchizedek

Application Questions: How does the faith and generosity Abraham demonstrate challenge you to a life of rest in the Lord, in light of His remarkable, great and wondrous provision in Jesus?

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Song of Thanksgiving

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave

I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross

And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (x2)

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see

The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me

Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

Announcements

1. Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7 to 7:45 pm. Zoom link is in Friday Notes & reminder sent on Thursday afternoon
2. Prayer requests. Please send to mail@gracevancouver.com
3. Neighbourhood Family Drop-In- Saturday, January 25 @ 9-11am
4. Foundations & Membership- Jan 24 & Jan 25/Jan 31 & Feb 1 Sign-up sheet on back table.

Tithes up to December 31, 2024

Yearly Budget	\$250,000
Budget Year to Date	\$250,000 (as of Dec 31, 2024)
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$282,873 (as of Dec 31, 2024)
Actual Giving Last Week	\$7,014

credit card and other options such as e-transfers are available via mail@gracevancouver.com

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