

SERMON NOTES.

the gathering church



March 11, 2012
Psalm 17 | Romans 8:14-27

FIRST THINGS FIRST

"None of us knows how to pray,
but the Spirit knows all about us.
He knows all about you and is interpreting
your desires and groans and your
longing to know how to pray.
He is interceding for you and leading you to the Father."
-James B. Torrance (1996)

BREATHE ON ME

HATCH/GRAY

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine,
Glow with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with Thine,
To do and to endure,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity, of Thine eternity.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew.

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JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS

MARK/ATKINSON

Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

For it's only in
Your will that I am free,
For it's only in
Your will that I am free,

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into Your hands.
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into Your hands.

Jesus, all for Jesus,
All I am and have
And ever hope to be.

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH (www.allgather.org/calendar)		
PRESENT BEFORE GOD	CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER	ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
<p>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars for our upcoming celebrations:</p> <p>April 1st: Palm Sunday at Creekside Elementary School. April 6th: Good Friday at Extraordinary Ventures at 7pm. No childcare will be provided but kids are welcomed. April 8th: Easter Sunday at Creekside Elementary School.</p>	<p>HOME GROUPS: If you are interested getting involved with a home group in the new year, see Chris Breslin (chris@allgather.org). Home groups are a great way to get more closely connected to others in the church and to partner in discipleship and mission with others.</p>	<p>HIGHSTREET HYMNS: Tonight at Durham Presbyterian (2504 N. Roxboro Rd, Durham, NC). Come out at 7:30pm for a night of music and singing of refreshed hymns. Suggested donation: \$5. "REAL FRIENDS" TALENT SHOW: Join our partners in ministry over at the Reality Center next Friday night (3/16 at 7pm). See Meredith Cochran for more details.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION: To have an announcement included email: happenings@allgather.org. Keep up with the Gathering Church on Twitter (@allgather) or www.facebook.com/allgather. Check out Music from the Gathering Church: music.allgather.org (to stream or buy) or gatheringmusic.tumblr.com (blog).</p>		

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 Everything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
 Oh, what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry
 Everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful,
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness;
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
 Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
 May we ever, Lord, be bringing
 All to Thee in earnest prayer.
 Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
 There will be no need for prayer—
 Rapture, praise, and endless worship
 Will be our sweet portion there.

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WELCOME.

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is focused on doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God's love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

EVERLASTING GOD

BROWN/RILEY

Strength will rise as
 We wait upon the Lord
 We will wait upon the Lord
 We will wait upon the Lord
 Our God, You reign forever
 Our hope, our Strong Deliverer
 You are the everlasting God
 The everlasting God
 You do not faint
 You won't grow weary

Our God, You reign forever
 Our hope, our Strong Deliverer
 You are the everlasting God
 The everlasting God
 You do not faint
 You won't grow weary
 You're the defender of the weak
 You comfort those in need
 You lift us up on wings like eagles

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GIVING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH.

Four ways to give financially: (1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays, (2) online through Paypal (www.allgather.org/giving/), (3) by automating a draft through your bank, or (4) by mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

FEDAK/WESLEY/LANDIS

And can it be, that I should gain
 An interest in the Savior's blood?
 Died He for me, who caused His pain
 For me, who Him to death pursued?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
 Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

**Amazing love! How can it be
 That You, my God, would die for me?**

**Amazing love! How can it be
 That You, my God, would die for me?**

You left Your Father's throne above,
 So free, so infinite His grace,
 Emptied Yourself of all but love,
 And bled for Adam's helpless race:

No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
 Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,

**Amazing love! How can it be
 That You, my God, would die for me?**

**Amazing love! How can it be
 That You, my God, would die for me?**

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BEAUTIFUL THINGS

GUNGOR/GUNGOR

All this pain
 I wonder if I'll ever find my way?
 I wonder if my life
 Could really change at all?

All around
 Hope is springing up
 From this old ground
 Out of chaos life
 Is being found in You

All this earth
 Could all that is lost ever be found?
 Could a garden come up
 From this ground at all?

CHORUS

**You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of the dust
 You make beautiful things
 You make beautiful things out of us**

*You make me new,
 You are making me new
 You make me new,
 You are making me new*

CHORUS

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KIDS' DISMISSAL & PASSING OF THE PEACE.

As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you don't know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace.