

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 7:00 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Monday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 8:30

Consumer Center Church

Thursday Evenings

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

8:00 to 9:30

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Eden St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

846 High & Eden Sts Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 9:30

Prayer Requests:

Please continue to pray while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. Our collaborative effort with St. John's is called **The Ministries at MAIN Street**. As we move into this new phase of permanency, becoming a resource to the area, we will be involved in a ton of summer work in order to reopen this fall. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

Prayers Collections from the Worship Table

- ✓ Lord, help us in our weakness to continue your work in our community. ~SW
- ✓ In the last 6 months our friend Jeff Reifsnyder has been dealing with more and more complications from ESLD (end-stage liver disease). Recently his doctors have told him that he is "starting on a downward spiral and moving closer to transplant." He has been dealing with bouts and jaundice and other things lately, and his doctors have taken driving privileges from him due to encephalopathy which causes a delayed response. Please keep them in prayer!

Your Prayer Reminders:

May 20, 2007: **Easter 7 (Year C)**

Psalm 97, John 17:20-26, Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23

May 13 :: 2007



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When the Spirit Comes...?

Worship

psalm 67

acts 16:9-15

john 14:23-29

revelation 21:10,22-22:5

Benediction

Easter 6 (Year C)

Tabernacle Worship

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Every Sunday Evening at 7:00, St. John's parish House

[Journaling Worship]
your discussion notes...

“ **Meditation:**
*And the city has
no need of sun or
moon to shine on
it, for the glory of
God is its light,
and its lamp is the
Lamb. The
nations will walk
by its light, and
the kings of the
earth will bring
their glory into it.
Its gates will never
be shut by day--
and there will be
no night there.
People will bring
into it the glory
and the honor of
the nations.*
(Revelation 21 .23–26)

Reflection: The Transfigured and Ascended World

Here come the nations, marching into the New Jerusalem, bearing as their "glory" all the artistic, cultural, political, scientific, and spiritual contributions whereby they have enriched the world. The gospel is not a message of salvation of individuals from the world, but a message of a world transfigured, right down to its basic structures.

[Service]

Today...

Worship Film ::

“ psalm 67 ”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

revelation 21 .10, 22 – 22 .5

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

A Latter-Day Psalm ::

~ by John Kearney

Scripture Reading ::

john 14 .23-29

Focus Films ::

“ the ascension & the Church ”

The Scripture ~ *this week's focus*

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When the Spirit Comes...?

“On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ”

(Revelation 22 .2b-4)

psalm 67, acts 16 .9-15,
john 14 .23-29, & revelation 21 .10,22-22 .5

Reflection Film ::

“ the ascension & Jesus ”

Benediction ::

revelation 1 .5-6





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psalm 67

[Worship]

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah 2 that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. 6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. 7 May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

[Think & Pray...]

Consider: Hadn't the nations all been destroyed in Revelation 19-20? But here they are entering the Holy City; in fact bringing their glory into it.

Many Christians think that Jesus is only the savior of individual souls, not the entire world. To them, Jesus was not ushering in a "New Way," or the New Kingdom (Rev. 21.1), but simply one who saves *individuals* from this existence to an otherly place called heaven. Christendom has become a private matter of *personal* spirituality, leaving, uncensured the terrible evils that crush the nations. In fact, consider a Christianity that would willingly employ the means of this "world," cooperatively mimicking those "Powers" to accomplish Jesus' mission.

Jesus' death is not merely an unmasking or exposure of the powers for what they are (Col.2.15), but an effort to transform the powers into what they are meant to be. Redemption is our liberation from the oppression of those powers, being forgiven for our own sin and for complicity with the powers. Our work becomes the engagement of liberating the powers themselves from their bondage to idolatry and our message includes the good news of a "cosmic salvation," a restitution of all things (Acts 3.21), when God will "gather up all things in him [Christ], things in heaven and things on earth" (Ephesians 1:10).

[The Scripture]

revelation 21 .10, 22 - 22 .5

10 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. 22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.