

Advent Week 3. Renewed Creation
Revelation 21:1-5,22-24 Revelation 2:1-5

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you. Amen

Reading -

A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it.

To the Church in Ephesus

2 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ²I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

⁴Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Questions/Discussion

1. "Jesus says, 'I am making everything new.' Where do you most long to see that promise come true—in your life, our community, or the world?"

Follow-up if helpful: What small signs of "newness" can we already see?

2. "Revelation describes a world full of light, life, and healing—with no darkness left. How does the light of Christ (symbolised by the Christingle candle) help us live with hope when things still feel broken?"

3. "In the new creation, God lives with His people and nothing separates them from His love. How might knowing this future shape the way we treat others—and care for God's world—right now?"

Welcome to St. Peter's

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Thank you for visiting and worshipping with us today. We hope to see you again soon. If you would like prayer before you leave, please ask any of the welcome or service leading team, or add your prayer request below:

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Interlude 1

Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude 2

Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah my God

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Interlude

Your love Your love Your love will never change

Chorus

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
(REPEAT)
Your love

Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

Bridge

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love

The Candle Song

Chorus

God is with us alleluia
(God is with us alleluia)
Come to save us alleluia
(Come to save us)
Alleluia

Verse 1

Like a candle flame
Flick'ring small in our darkness
Uncreated light
Shines through infant eyes

Verse 2

Stars and angels sing
Yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark
Set a world on fire

Verse 3

Yet His light shall shine
From our lives Spirit blazing

As we touch the flame
Of His holy fire