

### **The Context**

- Defeat of Babylon, Revelation 18
- Victory praise of God, 19.1-6
- Invitation to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb
- The Triumphant Christ portrait, 19.11-16

### **The Angel, 17a**

- Blinding light
- Loud voice
- Bird call
- The Great Supper of God, 17b-18
  - Invitation to the turkey vultures
  - Ezekiel 39.17ff: Ezekiel describes a similar battle
- History's opposition to God's kingdom is constant
- The battle scene, 19
  - The battle is over in the blink of an eye
  - No battle even described

### **The Capture, 20**

- Two great enemies of Jesus and the church: the Beast and false prophet
- Beast: world governments
- False prophet: false religions
- All opposed to Jesus.
- Radical secularism and the state demanding worship are false religions

### **The followers of the Beast and prophet, 21**

- A horrific picture
- This is not just a singular end of history battle
- This is a battle raging around us all the time.

### **The really good news**

- Jesus wins
  - Jesus won at the cross
  - The Beast and false prophet will be cast into the eternal lake of fire, cf. Daniel 7.11
  - Their followers will become Bird food
- Reflecting on the power of God's word
  - Now implementing his victory in history
  - Hebrews 10.31
  - Isaiah 63.1-6
- The great parody: The Great Supper of God is a parody of the Wedding Supper of the Lamb
  - Either have an invitation to the Wedding Supper...
  - Or on the menu at the Great Supper
- Receive the invitation to the Wedding Supper through faith in Jesus Christ

***So What About Us?***

- Why the repeated story?
- Confirmation
- The news around us
- The power of God's word

**WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD**

**APRIL 23, 2023**

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *Please silence all phones and electronic devices as we prepare to worship our great God.*

**Welcome and Announcements** Dee Hammond,  
Pastor of Missions and Outreach

**The Song of Ascent** *God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

**Congregation** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (vs 1, 4)* #571  
Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss:  
from vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:  
to him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;  
he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

**ADORATION OF GOD**

**Call to Worship:** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. —Revelation 19.11-16

**Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation**

**Declaring Our Faith:** Revelation 19.6-7

**Leader:** Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

**All:** *"Hallelujah!  
For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory!*

**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM**  
Pastor Ben will look at Luke 14: 1-11 in our ongoing series from Luke, *Becoming Certain About the Story.*

**Hymns of Praise** *Jesus Shall Reign*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till sun shall rise and set no more

Blessings abound where'er He reigns  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all the sons of want are blessed

Chorus:  
*To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful He shall reign:  
Jesus shall reign!*

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name

*To our King be highest praise...*

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honor to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

*To our King be highest praise...*

**CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE**

**Mission Moment** *The Gideons* Danny Reed

**Pastoral Prayer**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**  
**The Gift of Music** *The Risen Christ* The Choir

**Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings**  
*Please pass and sign the registration pad in the hymnal rack.*

*The 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn of Testimony** *Lead On, O King Eternal* #580  
*(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*  
Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:  
through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;  
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD** Revelation 19.17-21 p. 1040 pew bible  
**All:** *The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** Pastor John  
*The Great Battle*  
Series: *Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow: The Book of Revelation*

**OUR RESPONSE**

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** *Be Thou My Vision* #642

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, I thy true Son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

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 heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

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*Our Gideon speaker, Danny Reed, will be in the front of the church after the service to receive your gifts to the Gideon ministry.*

Serving Christ at CMPC April 23

Lock-up	Marty Moore and Mike Peifer
<b>8:30am</b>	
Ushers	Jason Wallis, Tommy Hulsey, Brent Booker, Andrew Booker, Will McVey, Chris Nix
Greeters	Polly King
Infants/Toddlers	Marie Tiano
Children's Church	Becky Batusic
Junior Assistants	
<b>11am</b>	
Ushers	Jason Cunningham, Mark Rush, Jack Hutchinson, John W. Batusic, Andrew Batusic, Jacob Batusic
Greeters	<i>Sign up at <a href="http://cmpca.org/greeters">cmpca.org/greeters</a></i>
Infants/Toddlers	Craig and Jennifer Cash
Children's Church	Will Owens
Junior Assistants	Corey and Caroline Hammond
<b>6:30pm</b>	
Nursery	
<b>Today</b>	<b>This Week at CMPC</b>
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:15pm	Kids of the Kingdom
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	
5:30	Wednesday Night Alive Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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Scott Allen • Bob Bishop • Bryan Cox • Jason Cunningham • Terry Ensley • Andy Jobson  
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Good News Clinic • Promise 686 • Sacred Roots Farm • Young Life

