

Why We Sing

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The Feast of Pentecost (& retirement of Diane Bleke)
9 June, A.D. 2019
Gen 11.1-9; Acts 2.1-21; Jn 14.23-31

Pre-Service Introduction

What is Pentecost about?

Introduction

In *every* culture, all over the world, people sing. Why do people sing?

I. Why We Sing

St. Peter's Pentecost sermon is a _____ for understanding the Christian mission, Christian preaching, Christian worship, and the Christian life.

Acts 2:22-41 (ESV)

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

" 'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' [Ps 16.8-11]

²⁹ "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. [i.e., that His body would not decay] ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,
 " `The Lord said to my Lord,
 "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies
 your footstool." ' [Ps 110.1]

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

"This Jesus whom *you* crucified." The truth is that it wasn't just them....

John 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Who is responsible for Jesus' crucifixion?

Diane Bleke's Retirement Organ Recital

Variation on *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

by William H. Bates

Partita on *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

by Cynthia L. Goff

1. Chorale
2. Adagio
3. Moderato (Pedal Solo)
4. Vivace
5. Andante
6. Toccata

Tocatta on *Thy Strong Word*

by Benjamin H. Culli

Diane Engelking Bleke graduation from Southwest Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance with minors in education and piano; a Master's Degree in Vocal Performance with an emphasis in Literature and Pedagogy; an organ degree from Concordia University-Mequon with an additional year of graduate study. Mrs. Bleke has studied organ with Professor Harold Rutz and Dr. John Behnke. Mrs. Bleke has studied voice with Dr. Samuel Gordon, Arturo Sergi, Matiwilda Dobbs, Doris Yarik-Cross and Gina Ducloux.

Soli Deo Gloria



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Building sets | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning publicity | |

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| Games: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
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“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23, ESV)

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1, ESV)

Only _____ could rescue us. *That* is what St. Peter and the other apostles had been proclaiming. God had raised Christ from the dead. He *is* the promised _____.

The people respond to St. Peter:

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Why can we not *earn* God’s forgiveness?

Who paid our debt in full and removed our guilt?

What does this enable?

CCT: The crucified and risen Christ forgives and makes
_____.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. . . .
" (Galatians 5:1)

Conclusion

So, why do we sing?

"For God has cheered our hearts and minds through His dear Son, whom He gave for us to redeem us from sin, death and the devil. He who believes this earnestly cannot be quiet about it. But he must gladly and willingly sing." (Martin Luther)