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REVELATION

A RENEWED IMAGINATION

Reflections

I arise today through the strength of heaven; light of the sun, splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning, swiftness of wind, depth of sea, stability of earth, firmness of rock.

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me afar and anear, alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today against wounding,
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today through the mighty strength of the Lord of creation.

- The Prayer of St. Patrick

'Nocturne in Black and Gold - The Falling Rocket' by James Whistler, 1875

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Scripture

Revelation 1:1-8

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Sermon

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Events & News

Community Groups: Invitation to Leadership, April 14

Take ownership of your Community Group, and learn more about what it means to be a Community Group Leader at our upcoming CG leadership seminar. Breakfast provided.

Prayer: The Invisible Reality Workshop, April 19, 21

Do you struggle with prayer? Do you want to learn how to pray? We're hosting a 3-part series, beginning this month, to dive into why prayer matters, how to pray, and how to overcome common barriers to prayer. Come to either our Thursday night or Saturday morning session.

The Book of Revelation: Digging Deeper, April 22, 23

This interactive workshop will give an overview of the content of Revelation, teach you how to interpret apocalyptic literature, and give guidance on how to read this in personal devotions. There will be an extended version on Saturday and a shortened version on Sunday.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.