

# “YOUR HUNGERS HAVE BEEN REWARDED”

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## Sermon Outline Notes

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.* *Matthew 5:6*

### The Life of St Patrick demonstrates HOW OUR

### DEEPEST HUNGERS ARE MET IN CHRIST’S CALL

*May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!* *Romans 15:13 MSG*

#### I. Philippians 4:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

#### Christ’s Call for PEACE

#### Overcomes our Hunger for SAFETY

*Patrick held out to these warrior children, in his own person, a living alternative. It is possible to be brave—to expect “every day...to be murdered, betrayed, enslaved—whatever may come my way”—and yet be a man of peace and at peace, a man without sword or desire to harm, a man in whom the sharp fear of death has been smoothed away. He was “not afraid of any of these things, because of the promises of heaven; for I have put myself in the hands of God Almighty.” -Thomas Cahill*

#### II. 1 Peter 2:9b-10

<sup>9b</sup> You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.”

#### Christ’s Call for UNION

#### Overcomes our Hunger for IDENTITY

*There is a terrifying implication: that I myself have no fixed identity, but I am like all other reality, always changing and non essential. -T. Cahill*

### **III. Acts 14:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard what was happening, they tore their clothing in dismay and ran out among the people, shouting, <sup>15</sup> “Friends, why are you doing this? We are merely human beings—just like you! We have come to bring you the Good News that you should turn from these worthless things and turn to the living God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. <sup>16</sup> In the past he permitted all the nations to go their own ways, <sup>17</sup> but he never left them without evidence of himself and his goodness. For instance, he sends you rain and good crops and gives you food and joyful hearts.”

### **Christ’s Call for A KINGDOM VIEW**

#### **Overcomes our Hunger for CONTROL**

*This magical world, though full of adventure and surprise, is no longer full of dread. Rather, Christ has trodden all pathways before us and at every crossroads and by every tree the Word of God speaks out. We have only to be quiet and listen, as Patrick learned to do during the silence he endured as a shepherd. -Thomas Cahill*

### **IV. Philippians 2:6-11**

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Christ’s Call for DEATH TO SELF**

#### **Overcomes our Hunger for REDEMPTION**

*The God of the Three Faces has given us his own Son, and we are washed clean in the blood of this lamb. God does not hate us; he loves us. Greater love has no man than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends. This what God’s Word, made flesh, did for us. From now on we are all sacrifices, but without the shedding of blood, it is our lives, not our deaths that God wants. -Thomas Cahill*