



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday April 30, 2017

Easter 3

1 Peter

“Ransomed & Reborn”

PREPARATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:

All **Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

OPENING SONGS

O Light that Knew No Dawn - Gregory of Nanzianzus, Bifrost Arts

O light that knew no dawn, that shines to endless day,
all things in earth and heaven are lusted by thy ray;
no eye can to thy throne ascend,
nor mind thy brightness comprehend.

Thy grace, O Father, give, that we might serve in fear;
above all else, we pray, grant us thy voice to hear.
From sin thy children in mercy free,
and let us dwell in light with thee.

That, cleansed from stain of sin, we may meet homage give;
and pure in heart, behold thy beauty while we live;
clean hands in holy worship raise,
and thee, O Christ our savior, praise.

Thy grace, O Father, give, we humbly thee implore,
and let thy mercy bless thy servants more and more.
All grace and glory be to thee,
from age to age eternally.

THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion!

All **Put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
shake yourself from the dust,
rise up, O captive Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter Zion!**

For thus says the Lord: You were sold for nothing,
and you shall be redeemed without money.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the one who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation:

from Isaiah 52

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

DOXOLOGY

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises, Alleluia!
Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit three in one,
O praise him! O praise him!

CONFESSION OF SIN

All Holy God, who dwells in unapproachable light,
we have loved the darkness
rather than the light of your life.
We confess our hardness of heart:
we have not loved you with all our heart,
soul, and strength,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
By your spirit, melt our hearts of stone
and give us instead hearts of flesh;
for the sake of the precious blood of Jesus Christ,
our Savior;
Amen

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who cleanses you from all your sins
and renews you according to his own image.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

O Sacred Head Now Wounded - Bernard of Clairvaux, Hassler,
Alexander, Gerhardt

O sacred head now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns thine only crown.
O sacred head what glory,
what bliss till now was thine;
yet though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou my Lord hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour
'tis I deserve thy place.
Look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

He Is Given - Isaac Wardell

Here is the fire and the wood
but where is the sacrifice?
Here in the place of our sin,
he will himself provide.
He is given, he is given. (*repeat*)

Here is the King of the Jews
but what is this mournful sight?
Here, see the shape of our sin
flow from his pierced side.
He is stricken, he is stricken. (*repeat*)

Here is the stone from the tomb
but where does his body lie?
Here he has conquered our sin
and has gone up on high!
He is risen, he is risen. (*repeat*)

Alleluia...

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Children attending kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 17:1-4, 17-26

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do..."

¹⁷“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Ransomed & Reborn” – The Rev. Chris Currie

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The offertory is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly.com/give. If you're visiting, we are so glad you are worshipping with us, but please do not feel obligated to give.

CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Father God, you judge all people impartially
according to their deeds,
bestow upon the leaders of our city
and the rulers of all nations
a spirit of justice and righteousness for all people,
both rich and poor.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in your church,
purify us in the word of truth
concerning your precious blood
that we, your body,
may be built up in ardent love for one another.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit of all comfort and consolation,
grant healing to our sick,
strength to those weighed down in spirit,
peace to those who are mourning,
and encouragement to the lonely.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at
this time, ending with,*

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly
as our Savior has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever.**

Amen.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!

The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer and speaks the Words of Institution.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and gluten-free rice cakes are also available if preferred. Please recycle your Communion cup as you leave worship.

COMMUNION SONG

All that I Need

Joshua Stamper



You're all that I need to live, you're all that I need to rest,
You're all that I want to see, you're all that I want to give,



— you're all that I need to climb up this rocky path.
— you're all that I want to live in my heart to day.



The day of redemption has come to this place.



Arise, and lift up your eyes, you saints! And see the



parting of the seas and the splitting of the skies, the



blossoming of trees in a desert long since died, the



changing of a heart that makes the angels sing, a



cold stone to a well, a cool and flowing spring.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy heartened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in truth and love;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns, now and forever.
Amen

BLESSING AND SENDING

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven - Henry Francis Lyte

Praise my soul the king of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting king.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind, and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the high eternal one.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth to serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

West Philly

Jonathan Davis: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant
Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Fairmont

Jonathan Davis: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant
Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

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