



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Sunday May 14, 2017

Easter 5  
1 Peter  
A Spiritual House

## 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.**

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth!

*All* **Break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

## OPENING SONGS

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior* - Dawn Rogers, Eric Wyse

Wonderful, merciful savior,  
precious redeemer and friend,  
who would have thought that a lamb  
could rescue the souls of men?  
O, you rescue the souls of men!

Counselor, comforter, keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace,  
you offer hope when our hearts have  
hopelessly lost the way.  
O, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the one that we praise;  
you are the one we adore;  
you give the healing and grace  
our hearts always hunger for,  
O, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father,  
faithfully loving your own,  
here in our weakness you find us  
falling before your throne.  
O, we're falling before your throne!

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## THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

I thank you that you have answered me  
*All* **and have become my salvation.**  
The stone that the builders rejected  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**  
This is the Lord's doing;  
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
**O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

*from Psalm 118*

## 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* Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.  
We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us,  
and restore us as your chosen people.

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

## SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Come, O Spirit* - Isaac Wardell

Come, O Spirit, comfort true; help us by your pleading.  
Come and every heart renew; breath of God proceeding.  
You alone to God can win us: Spirit, now work good within us.

All our knowledge, all our sight lies in darkness shrouded.  
All our labors wrought in strife hath our judgment clouded.  
O consume our wrong desires: Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

Come, our conscience to relieve from each sin remembered.  
Come, our Savior's blood to plead; naked we surrender.  
Sin hath left a wound revealing: Spirit, help us with your healing.

All our riches, all our crowns cast we now before thee.  
Scales removeth, chains unbound, boldly we implore thee:  
as you knit us once together, fasten us to you forever.

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*Christ Is Risen* - Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes

Let no one caught in sin remain  
inside the lie of inward shame.  
We fix our eyes upon the cross  
and run to him who showed great love  
and bled for us, freely you bled for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death.  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!  
Christ is risen from the dead; we are one with him again.  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!*

Beneath the weight of all our sin,  
you bowed to none but heaven's will.  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
no burden great can hold you down.  
In strength you reign; forever let your church proclaim:

*Christ is risen from the dead...*

O, death, where is your sting?  
O, hell, where is your victory?  
O, church, come stand in the light.  
The glory of God has defeated the night.  
O, death, where is your sting?  
O, hell, where is your victory?  
O, church, come stand in the light.  
Our God is not dead; he's alive, he's alive!

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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 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Continued on back...

*Gospel reading: Luke 20:9-18*

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

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>He began to tell the people this parable: ‘A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. <sup>10</sup>When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, “What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.” <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, “This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.” <sup>15</sup>So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.’ When they heard this, they said, ‘Heaven forbid!’ <sup>17</sup>But he looked at them and said, ‘What then does this text mean: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”? <sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

“A Spiritual House” – 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](http://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.*

O God our Father,  
who watches and cares for our every way,  
whose service is perfect freedom,  
grant that we might not fall into any sin,  
or suffer any temptation or danger,  
but that all doings would be ordered by your will,  
to do what is pleasing in your sight.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

O Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior  
rejected by men but beloved of God,  
center us upon you, the chief cornerstone of the Church  
that we might be a holy people to the Lord,  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God,  
that in our daily work,  
we would offer the spiritual sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving to our God.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, Divine Energy of God,  
who gives life and breath to all creatures,  
spread the righteousness and wisdom of God abroad  
that rulers and nations might learn peace and justice;  
give healing to the sick, endurance to the suffering,  
hope to the poor, and strength to the weak.  
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

### *Draw Nigh*

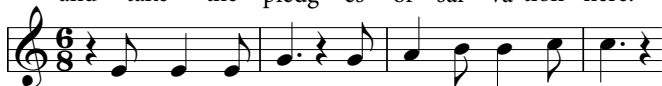
Latin, 7th century; Vito Aiuto



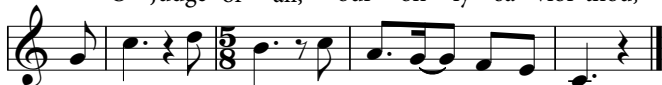
1. Draw nigh and take the bo - dy of the Lord
2. He that in this world rules his saints and shields
3. Ap - proach ye, then, with faith-ful hearts sin - cere



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out poured.  
to all be - lie - vers life e - ter - nal yields,  
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
with heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,  
O Judge of all, our on - ly sa - vior thou,



him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.  
gives li - ving wa - ters to the thir - sty soul.  
in this thy feast of love be with us now.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All** Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,

the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

## BLESSING AND SENDING

*The Church's One Foundation* - Samuel Stone, Samuel Wesley

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## 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

Alex Arnold: liturgist  
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
John Baranik: guitar, voice  
Daniel Levine: trumpet

### Fairmont

Mae Trieu: liturgist  
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
John Baranik: guitar, voice  
Daniel Levine: trumpet

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