



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday May 21, 2017

Easter 6
1 Peter
“The Hope That Is in You”

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

Psalm 46 - Mike Crawford, Isaac Wardell

God is our refuge, our strength and our shield,
an ever-present help.

We will not fear, though the earth gives way
and the mountains crash into the sea.

There is a river whose streams will make glad
the city of our most high king.

God is within her, and she will not fail,
he helps her at break of the day.

Nations in uproar, men's kingdoms, they fall,
he speaks, and the earth melts away.

The worst we imagine the strongest of storms,
our fortress, it will still remain.

There is a river whose streams will make glad
the city of our most high king.

God is within her, and she will not fail;
listen and hear the Lord say:

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Come, let us see what the Lord has done,
the ruins he brings to the earth.

He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth,
he shatters the bow and the spear.

There is a river whose streams will make glad
the city of our most high king.

God is within her, and she will not fail;
listen and hear the Lord say:

“Be still and know that I am God.”

THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

How awesome are your deeds!

All **All the earth worships you;**

they sing praises to you,

they sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

He turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for me.

from Psalm 66

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 God our Father, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give us new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbor,
and are not eager to do the good we ought.
We are fearful and intimidated.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and renew your hope within us.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.
All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

I Am Sure I Shall See - Taizé

I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
Yes, I shall see the goodness of our God;
hold firm, trust in the Lord!

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1. My hope rests firm on Je - sus Christ, he
 2. My hope sus-tains me as I_ strive and
 3. My hope pro vides me with a_ spur to
 4. My hope is to be with my Lord, to



is my on - ly_ plea.____ Though all the
 strain to wards the goal;____ though still I
 help me run this race:____ I_ know my
 know as I am known; to_ serve him



world should point and scorn, his ran - som
 stum - ble in - to_ sin, his death paid
 tears will turn_ to_ joy the day I_
 glad - ly all_ my days in praise be -



leaves me free;____ his_ ran - som leaves me free._
 for it all;____ his_ death paid for it all._
 see his face;____ the_ day I_ see his face._
 fore his throne; in_ praise be - fore his throne.

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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 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for

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a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 15:16-21, 26-27

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. ¹⁸If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ²¹But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me....²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Hope That Is in You” – The Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

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.

Loving Father, bless us in our suffering.
May your message of hope extend to all the earth,
that many more may be brought to you,
and be saved through the waters of baptism.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Renew our confidence in your promise of life –
as we walk now by faith and not by sight –
that we would remain eager to do what is good
and be sanctified from fear to faith.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of hope, who brought Christ back from death,
grant comfort and restore all who suffer.
May they know the power of your risen life,
and may we all be willing agents of your compassion.
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

Lord, I Need You - Carson, Stanfill, Nockels, Maher, Reeves

Lord, I come, I confess,
bowing here, I find my rest;
without you I fall apart;
you're the one that guides my heart.

*Lord, I need you, O, I need you,
every hour I need you,
my one defense, my righteousness,
O God, how I need you.*

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more,
where grace is found is where you are,
and where you are, Lord I am free;
holiness is Christ in me.

(repeat chorus)

So teach my song to rise to you
when temptation comes my way,
and when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you;
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of hope,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above - Johann Schütz, Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch

All praise to God, who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, power, and love,
the God of our salvation!

With healing balm my soul he fills,
the God who every sorrow stills,
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might,
lo, all is just and all is right,
to God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, O, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank him, thank our God, with me,
to God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now
and banish fear and sadness;
to your redeemer pay your vow
and sing with joy and gladness:
though great distress my soul befell,
the Lord, my God, did all things well,
to God all praise and glory!

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

Julia Snyder: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Mark Allen: woodwinds
Christopher McDonald:
keyboards, voice

Fairmont

Jenn Cho: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Mark Allen: woodwinds
Christopher McDonald:
keyboards, voice

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