



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday May 28, 2017

Easter 7 – Ascension Sunday
1 Peter
“Suffering and Glory”

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.**

There are glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:

All **The right hand of the Lord is exalted!**

OPENING SONGS

Hosanna to the Prince of Light - Isaac Watts, Wendell Kimbrough

Hosanna to the prince of light, that clothed himself in clay,
entered the iron gates of death, and tore the bars away!
Death no more is the king of dread, since our savior rose;
he took Satan's sting away and spoiled our ancient foe.

See how the conqueror mounts aloft and to his Father flies,
with scars of honor in his flesh and triumph in his eyes.
There our savior exalted reigns, blessings he scatters down;
Jesus sits at the Father's throne and wears the heavenly crown.

Lift up your voices, mortal tongues, to reach his blessed home;
sweet is the music of your songs to our incarnate God.
Angels strike your loudest strings, sweet your voices raise;
heav'n and all creation sing to join our savior's praise!

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THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
All **shout to God with loud songs of joy.**
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
he is a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

from Psalm 47

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!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

All Jesus Christ, ascended Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We live anxiously, by our own strength,
and do not set our hearts on things above.
We live timidly, inattentive to your promises,
without hope and not standing firm.
We live for this world alone
and doubt the glory to be revealed.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May God, enthroned above,
forgive you and free you from your sins
and send the Spirit of Christ to rest on you,
that you might be glad
and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

He Is Lord - Ben Fielding

O blessed Lamb, once slain will reign forevermore.
His hands, once bound, now save; our God will never fail.

*He is Lord, he is Lord, sings my soul, he is the Lord,
and he lives, yes, he lives, I'm alive, 'cause Jesus lives.*

'Tis at the cross of Christ where earth and heaven meet,
where sin is overcome; to God the victory.

And now, let the earth resound with praise,
for our savior God, he reigns;
he is high and lifted up.
Arise, for the King of Glory waits,
he is coming back again,
he is coming back again.

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Be Still, My Soul - Kathrina von Schlegel, Jane Borthwick, Jean Sibelius

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future, as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears;
then shalt you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
from his own fulness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you...⁵⁻⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel reading: Luke 24:44-53

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

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

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And

they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;
⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Suffering and Glory” – The Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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OFFERTORY

How Sweet to Wait (see communion song)

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.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living forever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world,
and make it subject to your gentle rule.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your brothers and sisters in need,
distress or sorrow.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at your feet.
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

How Sweet to Wait

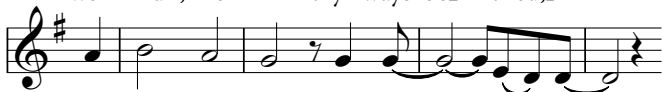
Joseph Swain, Clint Wells, Karl Digerness



1. How sweet to wait up - on___ the Lord,
2. To see, while pros - trate at___ his feet,
3. "Fa - ther," he cries, "I will___ that these
4. With this de - light - ful pros - pect fired,



while he ful - fills his gra - cious word;
Je - ho - vah on the mer - cy - seat;
be - fore thee on their ben - ded knees,
we'll run, nor in thy ways be_ tired;_



to seek his face, and not___ in_ vain,
and Je - sus, at the Lord's___ right hand,
for whom my life I once___ laid down,
and all the tri - als here we_ see,___



to be so loved, and love a - gain!
with his di - vine a - tone - ment stand!
be with me soon on this my throne."
will make us long to reign with thee. _



A - men! our hearts with rap - ture cry, _



may we with rev' - rence look_ so high;



as - cen - ded Sa - vior, fix our eyes,



by faith up - on___ this glo - rious prize!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that,
nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Crown Him with Many Crowns - Matthew Bridges, George Elvey
Crown him with many crowns, the lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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
Ross Bellenoit: guitar, voice
Josh Stamper: bass

Fairmont

Jonathan Davis: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Ross Bellenoit: guitar, voice

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