



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday June 25, 2017

Philippians: Life in Christ
“Living is Christ”

PREPARATION

Let us take a moment in silence to remember that we are in the holy presence of God.

All Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All And also with you.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

All Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

OPENING SONG

Holy God, We Praise Your Name - Te Deum, Ignaz Franz,
Katholisches Gesangbuch

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo! the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

For God alone my soul in silence waits;
All truly my hope is in him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
In God is my safety and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Put your trust in him always, O people,
pour out your hearts before him,
for God is our refuge.

from Psalm 62

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 Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing,
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us,
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Come Light Our Hearts - Sandra McCracken

*For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait,
for you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait,
truly our hope is in you, truly our hope is in you.*

O Lord of life, our only hope,
your radiance shines
on all who look to you in the dark;
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts.

O Joy above all other loves,
in you we find more than enough.
We come as we are, O heal and restore,
come light our hearts.

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I Know that My Redeemer Lives – Samuel Medley, Vito Aiuto

I know that my redeemer lives;
what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever living head.

He lives to bless me with his love,
he lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
he lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,
he lives to guide me with his eye,
he lives to comfort me when faint,
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears,
he lives to wipe away my tears,
he lives to calm my troubled heart,
he lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend,
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my redeemer lives!

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: Philippians 1:12-26

¹²I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; ¹⁴and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. ¹⁵Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. ¹⁶These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;

²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 12:20-26

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Living is Christ” – The Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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 God,
grant us grace to trust you with our lives
and to desire you above all else,
so that we may know the joy of your presence
in all circumstances.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy God,
help us in our various vocations
to do our work in truth and beauty
and for the common good,
in fellowship with our Savior
who came among us as one who serves.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Faithful God,
keep watch over our youth and leaders
as they serve in Guatemala.
Grant them humility and safety,
and make them a blessing in that place.

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.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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

In Christ Alone - Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid -
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
'til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Gracious God,
we thank you for feeding us
with spiritual food and drink,
by which you assure us of your love
and strengthen us in our faith.
Help us now, as we rise from this table,
to walk in your ways
and to do the good works
which you have prepared for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Be Thou My Vision - Traditional Irish poem

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

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

All Thanks be to God.

West Philly

Stacy Bartholomew: liturgist

Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Fairmont

Jenn Cho: liturgist

Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Lee Jeon: violin, voice

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