



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday July 2, 2017

Philippians: Life in Christ
“Living the Gospel”

PREPARATION

Gracious God, grant us diligence to seek you and patience to wait for you.

All Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

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

All And also with you.

O sing unto the Lord a new song;

All Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

OPENING SONG

O Lord of Light Who Made the Stars

O Lord of Light, who made the stars,
O dawn, by whom we see the way,
O Christ, redeemer of the world,
make haste to listen as we pray.

In lowliness you came on earth,
to rescue us from Satan's snares.
O wondrous Love, you healed our wounds
by taking on our mortal cares.

Lord, now you reign, the King of kings,
adorned in heav'nly majesty.
Your holy name is held in awe
from pole to pole and sea to sea.

Lord, come assert your kingdom here
in all those whom you call your own.
We joyously invite you, Lord,
build in our hearts your kingly throne.

To God the Father and the Son,
for ages of eternal days,
together with the Spirit be
all glory, honor, might and praise.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Be joyful in God, all you lands;
All sing the glory of his name.
Sing the glory of his praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"
All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name.
Come now and see the works of God,
how wonderful he is in his acts toward all people.

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!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.

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

Lamb of God - Ike Ndolo, Matt Maher, Tam Le

Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Prince of Peace,
Emmanuel, Morning Star,
King of kings and Lord of lords,

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of all the world.

Miserere nobis.

Word of life, you take away
the sins of all the world.

Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, you take away
the sins of all the world.

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(*Miserere nobis*: have mercy on us; *Agnus Dei*: Lamb of God;
Dona nobis pacem: give us peace)

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A Mighty Fortress Is our God - Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is forever.

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 1:27-30

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel reading: Matthew 5:13-16

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Living the Gospel” – 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.

God of grace,
help us to live in a manner worthy of the gospel,
striving together in unity as the one Body of Christ
as we bear witness in the world
to your coming kingdom.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,
may your peace rule in our hearts
in all circumstances,
so that even when we struggle,
we may live humbly and walk justly with our God.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of compassion and power,
grant us perseverance
as we share in the sufferings of Christ,
so that we may know the fellowship of our Savior
and extend his love to others.

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

O Spirit of the Living God - Henry Tweedy, Audrey Assad

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, wingéd fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

So shall we know the power of Christ,
who came this world to save.
So shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave.
And earth shall win true holiness
which makes thy children whole
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Generous Father,
thank you for feeding us at your holy table
with the bread and cup of life in your Son.
Grant us grace, so that we would go forth from here
in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace,
as bearers of your love and agents of your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

For All the Saints - William Walsham How, Christopher Miner

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Allelu!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Allelu!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Allelu!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the king of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Allelu!

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

Jonathan Davis: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Fairmont

Jonathan Davis: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

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