



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday July 16, 2017

Philippians: Life in Christ
“The Mind of Christ”

PREPARATION

Beloved brothers and sisters, my joy and crown,
stand firm now in the Lord.

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.

Rejoice in the Lord always!

All We will say it again: Rejoice!

OPENING SONG

The Lord's My Shepherd - Psalm 23, Stuart Townend

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup it overflows with joy;
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Thus says the Lord: Heaven is my throne,
All and the earth, it is my footstool.
What is the house that you would build for me,
and what is my resting-place?
All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things are mine.
But this is the one to whom I will look,
to the humble and contrite in heart.

from Isaiah 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 God our Father,
we lift ourselves up,
we presume upon your gifts,
and we sin against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
In humility, we turn again to you.
Have mercy upon us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Take Us, O Lord - Isaac Wardell

O how he takes the cross;
O how he lifts it up
to take the weight from us.
O how he pays the cost;
O how he drinks the cup
to make a place for us.

Hear how he breaks the curse;
hear how he cries aloud.
Hear how his voice resounds.
O how he forms the words.
O how he cries them out:
“See, it is finished now!”

*Take us, O Lord, and all we have known.
Shape us, O Lord, and form us into your own!
Take ev’ry heart and know ev’ry sin.
Break us, O Lord, that we may be whole again!*

How deep the wounds he wears;
how dark the scars he shows.
How well the name he knows:
written upon his palms,
O what a name to find:
that name before him, mine!

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Keep me, O God, for I trust in you. You show me the path of
life. With you is full-ness, full-ness of joy.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Mark 9:30-35

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Mind of Christ” – The Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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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.

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself
and became the servant of all.
Cast now our gaze upon your cross,
that we would be dazzled by its brightness,
and all our pride and selfishness would fade.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty Father, you exalted your Son
and gave him a name above every name.
May all rulers and authorities learn from him,
that the path to greatness is through humility,
looking to the good of others more than their own.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of Christ, draw near to all who suffer
and who are laid low by cares and worries.
Grant them encouragement in Christ,
to hold fast to the word of life,
and know they do not labor in vain.
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

And Can It Be - Charles Wesley, Thomas Campbell

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace,
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience, died on the cross for our salvation:
by these gifts, may your mind be in us,
to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior - K. Wilkinson,
A.C. Barham-Gould

May the mind of Christ, my savior,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God, my father,
rule my life in ev'rything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self-forgetting,
this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me,
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only him.

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

Alex Arnold: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Amy Christmas Halteman:
clarinet
Rob Heiskell: guitar, voice

Fairmount

Katie Davis: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Amy Christmas Halteman:
clarinet
Rob Heiskell: guitar, voice

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