



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Sunday July 23, 2017

Philippians: Life in Christ  
“Working Out Your Salvation”

## PREPARATION

May we, with all our heart and mind and strength  
seek your face, O God,  
and by your infinite mercy  
be led into your holy presence.

*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

*Wondrous King, All Glorious* - Joachim Neander,  
tr. William J. Schaefer

Wondrous king, all glorious, sovereign Lord victorious,  
O, receive our praise with favor!  
From thee welled God's kindness though we in our blindness  
strayed from thee, our blessed savior.  
Strengthen thou, help us now; let our tongues be singing,  
thee our praises bringing.

Heavens, spread the story of our maker's glory,  
all the pomp of earth obscuring.  
Sun, thy rays be sending, thy bright beams expending,  
light to all the earth assuring.  
Moon and star, praise afar him who glorious made you;  
the vast heavens aid you.

O, my soul, rejoicing, sing, thy praises voicing,  
sing, with hymns of faith adore him!  
All who here have being, shout, your voices freeing,  
bow down in the dust before him.  
He is God Sabaoth; praise alone the savior,  
here and there for ever.

Hallelujahs render to the Lord most tender,  
ye who know and love the savior.  
Hallelujahs sing ye, ye redeemed, O, bring ye  
hearts that yield him glad behavior.  
Blest are ye endlessly; sinless there for ever,  
ye shall laud him ever.

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## OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
*All* be gracious to me and answer me!  
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me,  
You who have been my help.  
Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path.  
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord,  
I shall see his goodness in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong,  
let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

*from Psalm 27*

## 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* Christ Jesus, our Lord,  
you came in love as a servant to all,  
laying down your life for us.  
You call us to humility,  
yet we seek honor above others.  
You call us to love, bearing others patiently,  
yet we grumble against our neighbors.  
You call us to serve one another,  
yet we complain it is too much trouble.  
Forgive us, O Lord, remembering mercy.  
Disrupt our complacency in sin,  
and by your Spirit, make us people who love,  
because you first loved us.

### WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

### SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Come, O Spirit*- Isaac Wardell

Come, O Spirit, comfort true; help us by your pleading.  
Come and every heart renew; breath of God proceeding.  
You alone to God can win us: Spirit, now work good within us.

All our knowledge, all our sight lies in darkness shrouded.  
All our labors wrought in strife hath our judgment clouded.  
O consume our wrong desires: Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

Come, our conscience to relieve from each sin remembered.  
Come, our Savior's blood to plead; naked we surrender.  
Sin hath left a wound revealing:  
Spirit, help us with your healing.

All our riches, all our crowns cast we now before thee.  
Scales removeth, chains unbound, boldly we implore thee:  
as you knit us once together, fasten us to you forever.

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*Christ Is Risen* - Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes

Let no one caught in sin remain  
inside the lie of inward shame.  
We fix our eyes upon the cross  
and run to him who showed great love  
and bled for us, freely you bled for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death.  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!  
Christ is risen from the dead; we are one with Him again.  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!*

Beneath the weight of all our sin,  
you bowed to none but heaven's will.  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
no burden great can hold you down.  
In strength you reign; forever let your church proclaim:

*Christ is risen from the dead...*

O, death, where is your sting?  
O, hell, where is your victory?  
O, church, come stand in the light.  
The glory of God has defeated the night.  
O, death, where is your sting?  
O, hell, where is your victory?  
O, church, come stand in the light.  
Our God is not dead; he's alive, he's alive!

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## BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

*Lydia Liefer & Luke Pullinger | Felix Burnett*

Minister (to the candidates and parents):

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Candidates and Parents:

**I renounce them.**

Minister:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates and Parents:

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Minister (to the parents):

Do you promise to instruct this child in the truth of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for them, to teach them to pray; and to train them in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents:

**I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the congregation):

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service.

Congregation: **We do.**

*The sacrament of baptism is administered.*

*Pastoral Prayer is offered.*

**All Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.  
Join with us as we give witness in the world  
to the good news,  
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia.**

## 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 2:12-18*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. <sup>16</sup>It is by your holding

fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you—<sup>18</sup>and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel reading: Matthew 5:14-20*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In 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.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

“Working Out Your Salvation”

– 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](http://citychurchphilly.com/give). If you're visiting, we are so glad you are worshipping with us, but please do not feel obligated to give.*

## **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

*My Hope Rests Firm* - Keith Getty, Richard Creighton

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, he is my only plea.  
Though all the world should point and scorn,  
his ransom leaves me free; his ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive and strain towards the goal;  
though still I stumble into sin,  
his death paid for it all; his death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur to help me run this race:  
I know my tears will turn to joy  
the day I see his face; the day I see his face.

My hope is to be with my Lord, to know as I am known;  
to serve him gladly all my days  
in praise before his throne; in praise before his throne.

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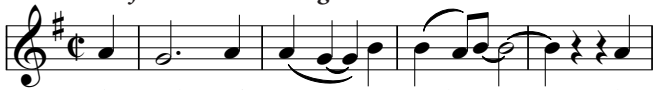
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All All praise to you, our God and Father,  
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:  
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,  
we may grow together in unity and holiness  
until we feast with him in his kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## BLESSING AND SENDING

### *The Sands of Time Are Sinking*

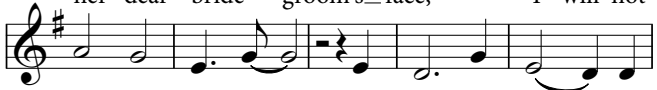
Anne Cousin, Phillip Palmertree



1. The sands of time are sink ing, the  
2. The king there in his beau ty with  
3. O Christ, he is the foun tain, the  
4. The bride eyes not her gar ment but



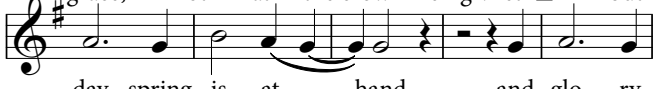
dawn of hea - ven breaks, the sum mer  
out a veil is seen, it were a  
deep, sweet well of love; the streams on  
her dear bride- groom's face; I will not



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well spent jour ney though sev - en deaths lay be-  
earth I've tast - ed more deep I'll drink a-  
gaze at glo - ry but on my king of



wakes. Dark, dark hath been the mid night, but  
tween. The Lamb with his fair ar my doth  
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grace, not at the crown he giv eth but



day - spring is at hand, and glo - ry,  
on Mount Zi - on stand, and glo - ry,  
mer - cy doth ex - pand, and glo - ry,  
on his pier ced hand; the Lamb is



glo - ry dwel leth in Em - man - uel's land.  
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## 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  
Chris Currie: celebrant

Lee Jeon: violin, voice  
Matt Scarano: drums  
Josh Stamper: guitar  
Andrew Warren: bass

#### Fairmount

Jonathan Davis: liturgist  
Chris Currie: celebrant

Lee Jeon: violin, voice  
Matt Scarano: drums  
Josh Stamper: guitar  
Andrew Warren: bass

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