



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday August 20, 2017

Philippians: Life in Christ
“Rejoicing in the Lord”

PREPARATION

Brothers and sisters, stand firm in the Lord.
Be of the same mind in the Lord and rejoice,
for the Lord is near.

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.

Rejoice in the Lord always!

All Again I will say it: Rejoice!

OPENING SONG

All People that on Earth Do Dwell - Louis Bourgeois,
William Kethe

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All **Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us; we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him,

bles his name, for the Lord is good.

His steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

from Psalm 100

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 sin against you and one another.
We worry and do not give thanks.
We allow ugliness and corruption to fill our minds.
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.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
forgive you your sins,
strengthen you to do God's will,
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Kingdom Come - Nicole C. Mullen

Our Father, in heaven, please hear me now I pray.
We need you, more than ever, in a million different ways.
There are wars on every land, poverty inside of man,
the earth is groaning from within; deliver us again
from the evil that devours, consume it with your power,
we implore you now this hour, we pray.

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
right here on earth, as it is in heaven.
Come, set up your throne,
and let thy kingdom come.*

Our Father, in heaven, so holy is your name.
The angels, they adore you; soon all earth will do the same,
where every tear that we have cried
will be comforted and dried.
We'll eat from the Tree of Life, and life will never end,
and we'll worship at your throne,
where you'll make your glory known,
that you are God and God alone, and we pray...

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful - J. Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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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 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 14:22-27

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to Jesus, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

“Rejoicing in the Lord” – The Rev. Chris Currie

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. If you're visiting, we are so glad you are worshipping with us, but please do not feel obligated to give.

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.

Father of mercy and love, grow us up together,
that we might be of one mind and one love,
gentle toward one another and full of thanks.
And may joy in the Lord overflow in us.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord of all nations:
guide those with power and in authority.
Fill their minds with what is true and just,
to know what is honorable and commendable.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, our Comforter, grant us peace:
draw near all who suffer; deliver them from worry.
Guard the vulnerable and those who struggle.
Lift their supplications before the Father.
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

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts - Bernard of Clairvaux,
Brian T. Murphy

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee all in all.

We taste of thee, O living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
bless'd when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion grow us in love,
renew us in God's peace,
and lead us to rejoice,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Charles Wesley, John Darwall



1. Re-joice, the Lord is king! Your lord and king a -
2. Je - sus, the sa - vior, reigns, the God of truth and
3. His king-dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub-
5. Re-joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the judge shall



dore; re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph
love; when he had purg'd our stains he took his
heav'n, the keys of death and hell are to our
mit, and bow to his com-mand, and fall be -
come, and take his ser-vants up to their e -



ev - er - more; Lift up your heart, lift
seat a - bove;
Je - sus giv'n;
neath his feet:
ter - nal home.



up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Chad Brown: drums
Melissa Choi: voice
Josh Stamper: bass

Fairmount

Arlene Navarro: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Chad Brown: drums
Josh Stamper: bass

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