



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday September 3, 2017

“Reconciliation & the Lord’s Table”

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

Trinity Song - Sandra McCracken

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit,
Holy Communion, Three in One. (*repeat*)

Come, with your peace, with your invitation,
bind us together in holy love. (*repeat*)

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OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
All and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

from Psalm 51

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 Almighty God,
in Christ you have torn down the dividing wall
that separates us from you and one another,
yet we have refused to live in peace.
We have held grudges, spread gossip,
stirred up controversy, and
dishonored people you love.
We have treated others as our enemies
and have thereby broken friendship with you.
Have mercy on us, for the sake of your Son,
and restore us to peace with you and others.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May our merciful God,
whose steadfast love endures forever:
look upon you with kindness
and remove your sins from you
as far as the east is from the west,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

All the Poor and Powerless - David Leonard, Leslie Jordan

All the poor and powerless
and all the lost and lonely,
and all the thieves will come confess
and know that you are holy,
and know that you are holy.

*And all will sing out hallelujah,
and we will cry out hallelujah.*

All the hearts who are content
and all who feel unworthy
and all who hurt with nothing left
will know that you are holy.

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Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean - Rees, Williams, Lowry

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all your love accepting, love you, ever all my days;
let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise.
You alone shall be my glory; nothing in the world I see.
You have cleansed and sanctified me;
you alone have set me free.

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: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

¹⁷Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. ²⁰When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. ²¹For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²²What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you! ²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. ³⁰For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. ³³So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 5:21-26

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Reconciliation & the Lord’s Table”

– 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. 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.

Almighty God,
kindle in all our hearts the true love of peace,
and give us courage to seek reconciliation
by our own acts of repentance, forgiveness, and embrace;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,
grant wisdom to those who lead the nations,
that in tranquility your dominion may increase
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of Compassion,
look with kindness upon those who suffer
in body, mind, and spirit:
strengthen the weary, soften the hard-hearted,
provide for the poor, and heal the afflicted;
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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an off'ring far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Generous Father,
thank you for feeding us
with the bread and cup of life in your Son.
Grant us the unity of your Spirit
and the bond of peace,
so we may go forth from your table
as agents of reconciliation in your world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

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.

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

Paul Arbogast: trombone
Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Joshua Stamper: guitar

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