



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday September 10, 2017

Galatians: the Gift of Christ
“Grace & Peace”

PREPARATION

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

All And also with you.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

All Let us sing joyful songs of praise!

OPENING SONG

Ye Servants of God - Charles Wesley

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh—his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger

All who announces peace, who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together, they sing for joy;
for in plain sight
they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

from Isaiah 52

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 our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

What the Lord Has Done in Me - Reuben Morgan

Let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
let the blind say, "I can see;
it's what the Lord has done in me."

Into the river I will wade;
there my sins are washed away.
From the heavens mercy streams
of the savior's love for me.

*Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.*

I will rise from waters deep
into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs:
Jesus Christ has set me free.

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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: Galatians 1:1-5

¹Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— ²and all the members of God's family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 20:19-23

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Grace & Peace" – 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.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

West Philly – Kam Horvath and Shannon Sarracino to be ordained and installed to the Office of Deacon; and Matt Allison to the Office of Elder.

Fairmount – Chaney and Charlie Widmer to be ordained and installed to the Office of Deacon.

PRAYERS

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Almighty God,
may every grace of ministry
rest on these elders and deacons.
Keep them strong and faithful,
that your church may prosper in peace.
Grant them wisdom, courage, discretion,
and benevolence,
that they may fulfill their charge
to the glory of Jesus Christ;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bestow your grace on this people
that they may support these deacons and this elder
with prayer, cooperation, and encouragement,
to guard them from growing weary
in doing what is right;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Inspire your whole church
with your Spirit of power, unity, and peace.
Grant that all who trust you
may live together in love;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lead all nations in the way of justice.
Direct those who govern;
may they be fair, maintain order,
support those in need, and defend the oppressed,
that the world may know true peace;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give grace to all who proclaim the gospel
through Word and sacrament and deeds of mercy,
that by teaching and example
others may come to live for you;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Comfort and deliver, O Lord,
all who are in trouble, sorrow,
poverty, sickness, and grief.
Heal them in body, mind, spirit, or circumstance,
working in them, by your grace,
wonders beyond their dreams and hopes,
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who taught us to pray:

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

By His Wounds

Ps. 53 arr. Isaac Wardell, traditional melody

By _____ his wounds, — his wounds — will
we be healed. And for our trans-gres-sions, his
pas-sion has made us well. Let us come a -
gain and feed on him, our Lord E - man-u - el!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All God of grace and peace,
we thank you for feeding us at the table of your Son
with the food and drink of life.
Renew us now, by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may boast in nothing
but the cross of Christ,
and that your mercy and peace may be upon us
this day and forevermore.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior – John Newton

May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love
with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford.

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
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Miriam Abaya: voice
Christopher McDonald:
keyboards, voice
Matt Scarano: drums

Fairmount

Mae Trieu: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Christopher McDonald:
keyboards, voice
Matt Scarano: drums

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