



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday September 24, 2017

Galatians: The Gift of Christ
“Jerusalem and the Gospel”

PREPARATION

Gracious God, grant us diligence
to seek you and patience to wait for you.

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.

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

All Extol him, all you peoples!

OPENING SONG

O Worship the King - Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn

O worship the king, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might! Ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to thy praise.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

I tell of your name to my brothers;

All from within the congregation I praise you!

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him!

The poor eat and they are satisfied;

those who seek him praise the Lord.

The ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the Gentiles.

from Psalm 22

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,
patient, forbearing, full of grace and truth:
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You set us free in Christ Jesus.
We confess that we sin
against you and our neighbor.
We too easily slip back into the slavery
of previous identities and divisions.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
that we might not run in vain
but finish the race set before us.

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

Come to the Water - John Foley, Matt Maher

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water,
and let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord
without money, without price;
why should you pay the price except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water,
and let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord
without money, without strife;
why should you spend your life except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water,
and let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.
All who labor without rest,
how can your soul find rest except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.
Bring the children without might;
easy the load and light: Come to the Lord.

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Amen, Amen - Neil & Kate Robins

Let every creature rise and bring
their grateful praises to our King.
Angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeats a loud “Amen.”

*Amen, amen,
amen, amen.*

*I found my life, I found my life in him,
amen, amen.*

Peace like a river from his throne
will flow to nations yet unknown.
His word a light where all hope is dim,
and all tribes unite to cry “Amen!”

And in this child we’ll find our rest
and all the meek and lowly blessed.
An infant tongue could sing the hymn
of hallelujah and amen.

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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 2:1-10

¹Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. ³But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us—⁵we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. ⁶And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those leaders contributed nothing to me. ⁷On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised ⁸(for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), ⁹and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 8:5-13

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress.” ⁷And he said to him, “I will come and cure him.” ⁸The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and the slave does it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, “Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.” And the servant was healed in that hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Jerusalem and the Gospel” – 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.

Father of mercy, we pray for the church,
which you entrust with your gospel of grace:
may we proclaim freedom in Christ to all,
whatever their nation, race, or background.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray now for this community of faith:
may we continue to run the race before us,
that, by your grace, the truth of the gospel
would always remain among us in purity.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in positions of power:
may they imitate God, showing no partiality,
but serving the needs of all their people,
especially remembering the poor and weak.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for any suffering illness or distress,
whether in mind, body, or situation:
may they know your power to renew and heal,
and enjoy the fellowship of your people.
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

There Is a Redeemer - Melody Green

There is a redeemer:
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Jesus, my redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

*Thank you, O my Father
for giving us your Son
and leaving us your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my king forever
in that holy place.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to the glorious freedom of the children of God,
for which we long and desire;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

We Beseech Thee - Thomas Benson Pollock, The New Ancients

Jesus, with thy church abide,
be her savior, Lord, and guide,
while on earth her faith is tried:
we beseech thee.

All her fettered powers release
bid our strife and envy cease,
grant the heavenly gift of peace:
we beseech thee.

*May she guide the poor and blind,
seek the lost until she find,
and the broken-hearted bind:
we beseech thee.*

May she one in doctrine be,
one in truth and charity,
winning all to faith in thee:
we beseech thee.

May her lamp of truth be bright,
bid hear bear aloft its light
through the realms of darkest night:
we beseech thee.

May her guides thy people feed,
shepherds of the flock indeed,
ready, where thou call'st, to lead:
we beseech thee.

May she holy triumphs win,
overthrow the hosts of sin,
gather all the nations in,
we beseech thee.

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

Mark Allen: woodwinds
Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Jordan McCree: drums
Andrew Warren: bass

Fairmount

Mae Trieu : liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Jordan McCree: drums
Andrew Warren: bass

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