



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday November 26, 2017

Galatians: The Gift of Christ
“The Cross and New Creation”

PREPARATION

Ground us, we pray, and settle us in your truth
by sending your Holy Spirit into our hearts.

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.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

All Let us sing joyful songs of praise!

OPENING SONG

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious - Thomas Kelly,
William H. Monk

Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious:
see the Man of Sorrows now;
from the fight returned victorious,
ev'ry knee to him shall bow;
crown him, crown him,
crowns become the victor's brow.

Crown the savior! angels, crown him;
rich the trophies Jesus brings;
in the seat of pow'r enthrone him,
while the vault of heaven rings;
crown him, crown him,
crown the savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned him,
mocking thus the savior's claim;
saints and angels crowd around him,
own his title, praise his name;
crown him, crown him,
spread abroad the victor's fame.

Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him, crown him,
King of kings and Lord of lords!

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
All sing the glory of his name; give him glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power,
your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to your name.
Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among men.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might forever.
Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard!

from Psalm 66

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 Most holy and merciful father,
we confess to you our failure
to love you with our hearts and our wills.
We have not considered well our neighbors' interests.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We confess to you our unfaithfulness:
our pride, impatience, self-centeredness,
love of worldly comforts, and moments of hypocrisy.
Restore us, good Lord, by the cross of your Son.
Because you delight to show mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Lamb of God - Ike Ndolo, Matt Maher, Tam Le

Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Prince of Peace,
Emmanuel, Morning Star,
King of kings and Lord of lords,

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of all the world.

Miserere nobis.

Word of life, you take away
the sins of all the world.

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Agnus Dei, you take away
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(*Miserere nobis: have mercy on us; Agnus Dei: Lamb of God;
Dona nobis pacem: give us peace*)

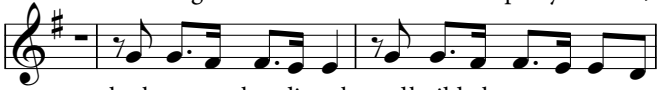
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Wood & Nails

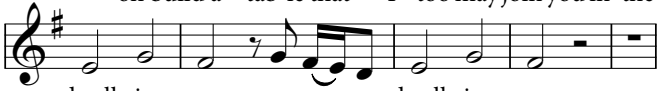
Keith Watts, Isaac Wardell, Madison Cunningham



1. O humble carpenter, down on your hands and_ knees,
2. O lov ing la-bor-er with the sweat upon your face,



look on your handiwork and build a house so you may
oh build a tab-le that I too may join you in the



dwell in me, so you may dwell in me.

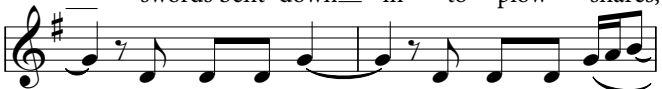
Fath-er's place, oh in_the Fath-er's place!



(1,2) The work was done__ with noth ing but__
The king-dom's come__ and built up on__
The dead will rise__ and give you praise:
The curse is done,__ the bat-tle won,__



___ wood and nails__ in your scarborne hands.
___ wood and nails__ gripped with joy ful- ness,
___ wood and nails__ will not hold them down!
___ swords bent down__ in - to plow - shares,



___ O show me how__ to work and praise
___ so send me out__ with - in your ways,_
___ These wood-en tombs,__ we'll break them soon_
___ your scarborne hands,__ we'll join with them,_



___ trust - ing that__ I am your in- stru ment.
___ know - ing that__ the task is fin - ished.
___ and fash ion them__ in - to flow - er__ beds.
___ serv - ing at__ the tab - le you've pre pared.

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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 6:11-18

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Mark 2:18-22

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹Jesus said to them, "The wedding-guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. ²¹No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Cross and New Creation" –

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. 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.

Loving Father,
may it be said of us that we boast in nothing,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Dispel the lesser things we hold on to
for our sense of worth, and make us anew.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of the nations,
guide our leaders and those of all peoples.
Lead them into good counsel in their work.
May they strive for justice and peace,
and may your church minister reconciliation.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of all compassion,
we beg your mercy upon the homeless,
the poor, the needy, and all those in distress:
grant homes, jobs, opportunities,
and resources to find relief,
and may your church be instruments of your provision.
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

O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord – Gregory the Great,
trans. Ray Palmer

O Christ, our king, creator, Lord,
savior of all who trust thy word,
to them who seek thee ever near,
now to our praises bend thine ear.

Thou didst create the stars of night;
yet thou hast veiled in flesh thy light,
hast deigned a mortal form to wear,
a mortal's painful lot to bear.

When thou didst hang upon the tree,
the quaking earth acknowledged thee;
when thou didst there yield up thy breath,
the world grew dark as shades of death.

Now in the Father's glory high,
great conqueror, never more to die,
us by thy mighty power defend,
and reign through ages without end.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Lord of all creation,
with joy we offer thanksgiving
for sharing in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace, renew our minds and our hearts
that our lives may be to your service
and our hearts live unto your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Jesus Shall Reign - Isaac Watts, John Hatton

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
their grateful honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

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

Ross Bellenoit: guitar
Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Jaron Olevsky: bass
Matt Scarano: drums

Fairmount

Mae Trieu: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Ross Bellenoit: guitar
Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Jaron Olevsky: bass
Matt Scarano: drums

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