



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday January 21, 2018

Jonah

“The Reluctant Sailors”

PRELUDE

PREPARATION

Let us take a moment in silence
to remember that we are in the holy presence of God.

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 praise the Lord with me,

All let us exalt God's name together.

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

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,

All O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.

You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;

the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

from Psalm 65

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

DOXOLOGY — Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley

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 Merciful God,
you see our sin even though we try to hide it,
yet you still pursue us with grace and love.
We ask your forgiveness
for the wrong things we have done and thought
and for the times we have run
from the mess of others' lives
rather than engage them
with the same love you have shown to us.
Deliver us from judgement,
bind up our wounds, and revive us.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Keep Me, O God

Taizé

Keep me, O God, for I trust in you. You show me the path of
life. With you is full-ness, full-ness of joy.

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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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

Old Testament reading: Jonah 1:7-17

⁷The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹"I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. ¹¹Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. ¹⁷But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 8:5-10

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him ⁶and 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Reluctant Sailors” – 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.

Wonderful Counselor,
give us wisdom when we are bewildered and confused,
and give us grace for our neighbor
when they lack wisdom.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Mighty God,
encompass the vulnerable with your protection;
engage us to follow you in caring for the unnoticed.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father,
guide our children as they face challenges
we cannot protect them from;
refresh their spirits and give them resilience.
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

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.

Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, you take away
the sins of all the world.

Dona nobis pacem.

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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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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Lord Jesus,
you have brought us to join in this meal
dearly purchased at the cost of your own life.
Our fainting souls are revived,
and our weary feet find their home
in the richness of the love you have given.
We rejoice in this feast, and we thank you.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

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.

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
Daniel Levine: trumpet
Matt Scarano: drums
Josh Stamper: bass

Fairmount

Jonathan Davis: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Daniel Levine: trumpet
Matt Scarano: drums
Josh Stamper: bass

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