



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Sunday March 4, 2018

Lent 3

Luke: Justice & the Kingdom of God

“Justice & Brokenness

## PREPARATION

Make our hearts clean, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within us.

*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.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

## 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

Unto you I lift up my eyes,

*All* O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
they look until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul is filled full with the scorn of the proud;  
we are filled with the contempt of the arrogant.

*from Psalm 123*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Most gracious Father,  
we fail to recognize how sinful we are,  
even as we are quick to note the sins of others;  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* Lord, have mercy.

We come before you full of pride  
and forget our need for your grace;  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* Christ, have mercy.

We do not grasp the depths of your forgiveness,  
and so we do not love you as we ought.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* Lord, have mercy.

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us all our sins,  
humble our hearts before him,  
and renew us in his love.

*All* Amen.

## SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Come As You Are* - Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been;  
come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel;  
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home, you're not too far;  
so lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed;  
come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures;  
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

There's joy for the morning, O sinner, be still,  
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

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*And Can It Be* - Charles Wesley, Thomas Campbell

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left his Father's throne above  
so free, so infinite his grace,  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;  
alive in him, my living head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## 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 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel reading:* Luke 7:36-50

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

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." <sup>41</sup>"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has

anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.” <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*“Justice & Brokenness”* – The Rev. Chris Currie

## 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](http://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, you call us as disciples of your Son.  
Lead us to sit at his feet and hear his voice,  
that we would learn his wisdom  
and follow in the way of his kingdom.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, bless leaders of cities and nations  
who walk humbly, act justly, and seek peace.  
Assure all who are persecuted for your name  
of their reward and place in your kingdom.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you are the inheritance of the meek,  
comfort of the mourner, filler of the hungry,  
lifter of the poor, and joy of the persecuted.  
Draw near the pure in heart to show them God.

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

*Come unto Me, Ye Weary* - William Dix, Joseph Pensak

“Come unto me, ye weary, and I will give you rest.”  
O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace and peace,  
of joy that hath no ending, of love which cannot cease.

“Come unto me, dear children, and I will give you light.”  
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts are filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;  
but morning brings us gladness and songs the break of day.

“Come unto me, ye fainting, and I will give you life.”  
O peaceful voice of Jesus, which comes to end our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long;  
but thou hast made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

“And whosoever cometh I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,  
which calls us, very sinners, unworthy though we be  
of love so free and boundless, to come, dear Lord, to thee.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All* O Lord, we thank you for this meal you give us,  
by which we feed upon the Lamb  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
May our love and gratitude overflow towards you,  
as those who know the abundance of your mercy,  
that we may bear witness of your kindness  
before all people.  
Amen.

## BLESSING AND SENDING

*Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee* - Francis Key,  
John Wilcox

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee  
for the bliss thy love bestows,  
for the pardoning grace that saves me,  
and the peace that from it flows:  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;  
this dull soul to rapture raise:  
thou must light the flame, or never  
can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,  
wretched wanderer, far astray;  
found thee lost, and kindly brought thee  
from the paths of death away;  
praise, with love's devoutest feeling,  
him who saw thy guilt-born fear,  
and the light of hope revealing,  
bade the bloodstained cross appear.

Praise thy savior God that drew thee  
to that cross, new life to give,  
held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,  
bade thee look to him and live.  
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,  
roused thee from thy fatal ease;  
praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,  
praise the grace that whispered peace.

Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling  
vainly would my lips express.  
Low before thy footstool kneeling,  
deign thy suppliant's prayer to bless:  
Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure,  
love's pure flame within me raise;  
and, since words can never measure,  
let my life show forth thy praise.

## 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

Julia Snyder: liturgist  
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
Ross Bellenoit: guitar  
Christopher McDonald:  
keyboards, voice

#### Fairmount

Mae Trieu: liturgist  
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
Ross Bellenoit: guitar  
Christopher McDonald:  
keyboards, voice

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