



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Luke: Justice & the Kingdom of God

“Justice & Discipleship”

PRELUDE

PREPARATION

In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

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.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,

All and by your blood you ransomed a people for God.

OPENING SONG

Wisdom & Grace

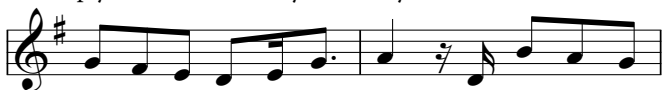
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Teach us to num-ber our days that we may ap-



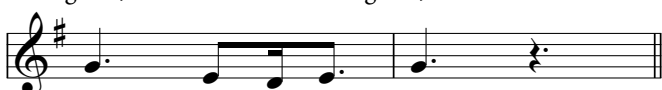
ply our hearts to your ways. O, _____



teach us to num-ber our days with wis-dom and



grace, wis-dom and grace, wis-dom and



grace, wis-dom and grace.



1. You've been our home and our dwell-ing, our

2. Now the span of our life it is

3. Let the work of our hands bring you



place in___ all gen-er-a-tions.____

made with_ sor-row and la-lor.____

praise, set your fa-vor up-on us.____



Be-fore the earth or the moun-tains were

As the days pass a-way, like the

O, es-tab-lish the work of our



formed, Lord, you were God.

grass how soon we are gone.

hands, may your king-dom come.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

How lovely is your dwelling place,
All **O Lord of hosts!**
My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

from Psalm 84

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

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all your sins
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed - Isaac Watts, Hugh Wilson

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut its glories in,
when God, the mighty maker, died
for his own creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of tears can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'tis all that I can do.

Jesus, All for Jesus - Jennifer Atkinson, Robin Mark

*Jesus, all for Jesus,
all I am and have and ever hope to be. (repeat)*

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into your hands. *(repeat)*

For it's only in your will that I am free,
for it's only in your will that I am 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

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 35:1-9

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Gospel reading: Luke 9:18-27

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” ¹⁹They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.” ²⁰He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.” ²¹He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, ²²saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” ²³Then he said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. ²⁵What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? ²⁶Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Justice & Discipleship” – 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. 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 all mercies,
free us from the discouragement and unbelief
that cause us to hide from you in fear.
Raise us up as your sons and daughters.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Gentle Savior,
free us from violence and oppression
in our city, country, and world.
Fill your people with gracious words and deeds.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of compassion,
free us from our anger
at those who have failed and offended us.
Remake us with your forgiveness.
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

Jesus, I Come - William Sleeper, Greg Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,

Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,

Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my sickness into thy health,

out of my wanting and into thy wealth,

out of my sin and into thyself,

Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,

Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of thy cross,

Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,

out of life's storms and into thy calm,

out of distress into jubilant psalm,

Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,

Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into thy blessed will to abide,

Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of myself to dwell in thy love,

out of despair into raptures above,

upward forever on wings like a dove,

Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,

Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of thy home,

Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,

into the peace of thy sheltering fold,

ever thy glorious face to behold,

Jesus, I come to thee.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Merciful Lord, by this meal,
grant your people grace
to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds
to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Follow Me - Benjamin Stamper -

Follow me, I will remake you.
Follow me, let your heart be still.
Follow me, I will reform you.
Follow me, up the steepest hill.
Fishers of men, sons of the light,
salt of the earth, the bride of Christ.

Fall on me, I will refresh you.
Fall on me, you will drink your fill.
Fall on me, I will receive you.
Fall on me, you will know my power.
Fishers of men, sons of the light,
salt of the earth, the bride of Christ.

Fishers of men, sons of the light,
salt of the earth, the bride of Christ.
We bow down to you, rabbi and friend.
The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"

Follow me...

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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

Alex Arnold: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

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

Fairmount

Jenn Cho: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

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

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