



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Luke: Justice & the Kingdom of God
“Justice & Our Neighbor”

PRELUDE

PREPARATION

The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your 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.

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

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

OPENING SONG

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above - Johann Schütz, Bohemian
Brethren's *Gesangbuch*

All praise to God, who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, power, and love,
the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
the God who every sorrow stills,
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might,
lo, all is just and all is right,
to God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, O, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank him, thank our God, with me,
to God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now
and banish fear and sadness;
to your redeemer pay your vow
and sing with joy and gladness:
though great distress my soul befell,
the Lord, my God, did all things well,
to God all praise and glory!

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Who has believed our message,
All and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
He grew up before him like a tender shoot
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering.

from Isaiah 53

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

In a dark and disfigured world,
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world,
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world,
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
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

Have Mercy - Sandra McCracken, Thad Cockrell

Have mercy on me, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy.

O, help my unbelief, O help my unbelief.
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy.

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What Wondrous Love Is This - author unknown

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great 'I Am';
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity, I'll sing on.

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: Jeremiah 7:1-11

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Lord. ³Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. ⁴Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord." ⁵For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, ⁶if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, ⁷then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors forever and ever. ⁸Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, ¹⁰and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, "We are safe!" —only to go on doing all these abominations? ¹¹Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 10:25-37

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Justice & Our Neighbor” – 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.

Jesus, our good shepherd,
give us eyes to see those
who are overlooked and forgotten
and feet quick to walk alongside them.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,
soften the hearts of your people,
so we can know when we are following rules
without true love for you or neighbor
and renew us in our zeal for you.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

God our Father,
protect those in our streets
who are in danger of harm from others
and raise up helpers to comfort, heal, and restore
those who have suffered such harm.
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

By His Wounds

Ps. 53 arr. Isaac Wardell, traditional melody

By — his wounds, — his wounds — will
we be healed. And for our trans-gres-sions, his
pas-sion has made us well. Let us come a -
gain and feed on him, our Lord E - man-u - el!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Lord Jesus,

as we join together in this meal,
we remember the example you set
in washing the feet of your disciples,
and we pray that you would likewise equip us,
sending us from your table restored
to do the work of our servant king.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

O God of Mercy

Godfrey Thring, Bethany Brooks



1. O God of mer - cy, God of_ might, in
2. And thou who cam'st on earth to_ die, that
3. Teach us the les - son thou hast taught, to
4. For they are bre thren, far and wide, since
5. In sick - ness, sor - row, want or_ care, what-



love and pi - ty in - fi - nite, teach
fal - len man might live there - by, O
feel for those thy blood hath bought; that
thou, O Lord, for all hast died; then
e'er it be, 'tis ours to share; may



us, as e - ver in thy sight, to
hear us, for to thee we cry in
ev' - ry word and deed and thought may
teach us, what - so - e'er be - tide, to
we, when help is need - ed, there give



live our life to___ thee.
hope, O Lord, to___ thee.
work a work for___ thee.
love them all in___ thee.
help as un - to___ 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

Candy Cason: liturgist

Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Mike Jones: trumpet

Josh Stamper: guitar

Fairmount

Jonathan Davis: liturgist

Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Mike Jones: trumpet

Josh Stamper: guitar

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