



Sunday April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday

THE RHYTHM OF OUR WORSHIP

On the road to Emmaus, when Jesus' disciples found themselves troubled and confused, Jesus met them along the way. When they confessed their troubles and doubts to him, his words and presence began to change them. He unfolded God's word to them, pointing to his own person and work. He dined with them, giving thanks and breaking bread. The disciples recognized their Lord's presence with them and hurried to tell others the good news.

In the Emmaus story we recognize the pattern of historic Christian worship as it began to take shape. Our worship liturgy at City Church moves through a specific rhythm: God Summons us as his people, God Sanctifies us to himself, God Speaks to us in his word, God Strengthens us at his table, and God Sends us into the world.

The emphasis throughout our worship is upon God's action and our appropriate response. In worship we rehearse the gospel message of Jesus' death and resurrection and are caught up into the mission of the Triune God. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then impelling us outward into our world.

Sermon Series: Luke: Justice & the Kingdom of God Sermon Title: "Justice & Resurrection"

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PREPARATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

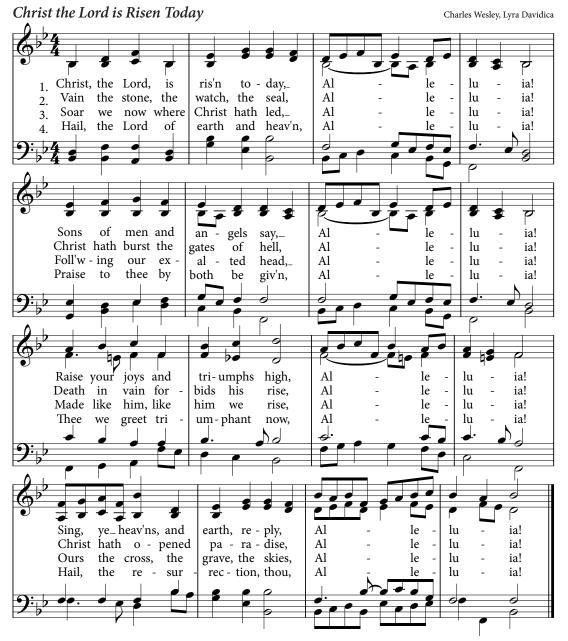
Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world!

OPENING SONG



THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

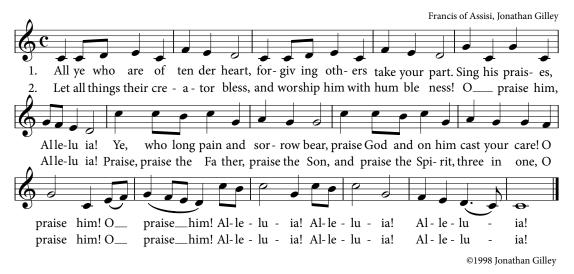
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O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you! I will praise your name, my God! You have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. You have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress. On this mountain the Lord will make a feast for all: a feast of rich food, of well-aged wines. And he will destroy a shroud on this mountain, the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever! Then the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, he will take away the disgrace of his people from the earth. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God!" "We have waited for him, so that he might save us." This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!

from Isaiah 25

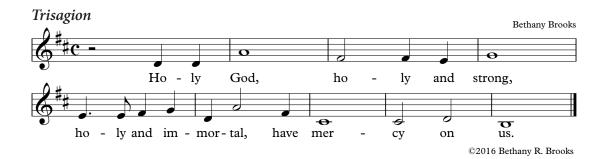
PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

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CONFESSION OF SIN

All Lord Jesus, you were dead but now you are alive:
transform the torments of this world's sin
that we may see your radiant glory.
You were raised from death to life:
may the power of your resurrection live in us,
that we may be channels of your true life beyond measure.
To you, Jesus,
who have broken free from the bonds of death,
be honor and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

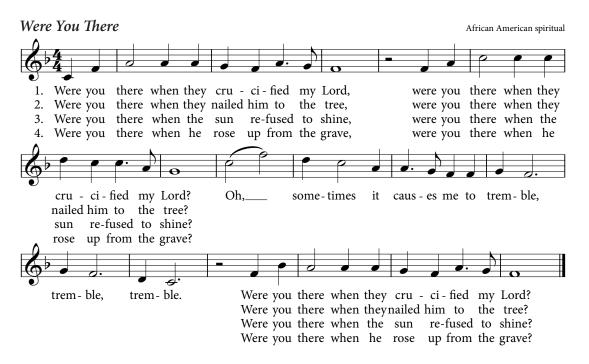


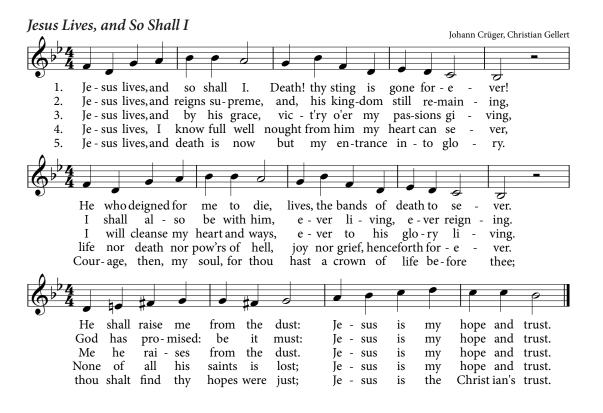
WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from your hearts and minds, forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom, and raise you to new and everlasting life.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING





PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

All And also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Children in 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 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 24:1-12

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Justice & Resurrection"

OFFFRING 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.

THE NICENE CREED

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

EXSULTET

The Exsultet is ancient Christian hymn for Easter, dating back to at least the 7th century. In this version we will begin antiphonally, alternating between the left and right sides of the auditorium.

Left: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Right: O Universe, dance around God's throne!

L: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

R: Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

L: Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendor of your creation,

R: radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!

L: Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

R: Darkness vanishes forever!

L: Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

R: The risen Savior shines upon you!

All: Let all God's people sing and shout for joy!

Members of the congregation continue by leading us in this ancient hymn of praise.

Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, has saved us by his death, O Father. He paid the price of Adam's sin, and reconciled us once again to you.

All Glory to you forever!

This day is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

All Glory to you forever!

This is the day when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea.

All Glory to you forever!

This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

All Glory to you forever!

This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.

All Glory to you forever!

This is the day that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.

All Glory to you forever!

Crowning glory of all feasts! Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

All Glory to you forever!

Feast truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.

All Glory to you forever!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this day, receive our sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn offering.

All Glory to you forever!

May Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, shed his light of peace on all humankind, your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All Amen and amen.

COMMUNION

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included on page 15). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

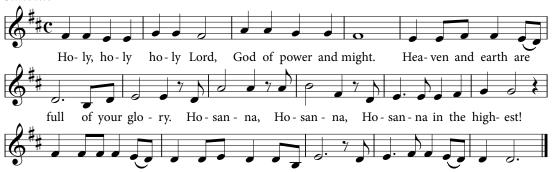
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

But we are bound to praise you above all else because you raised Jesus gloriously from the dead. For he is the true lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life he restores us to his kingdom forever. He has placed us once more in paradise and opened to us the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of his resurrection, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing forever the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the_high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and gluten-free rice cakes are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

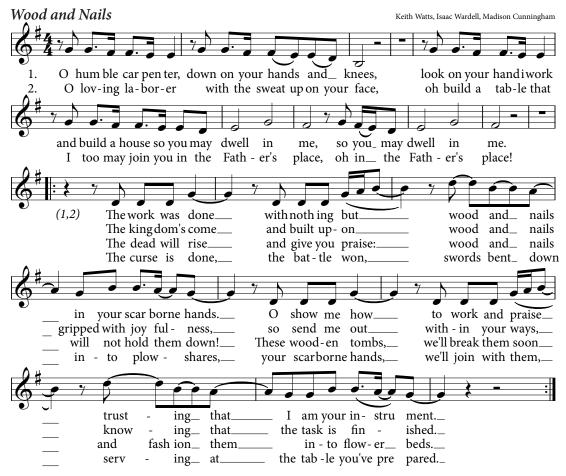
Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

COMMUNION SONG



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All God of Life, you gave up your only-begotten Son to death on a cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you deliver us from the power of our enemy: grant us by this meal to die daily to sin, that we may forever live with him in the joy of his risen life. Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING



BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ordination Service of Jonathan Edward Davis, April 8, 10:30am at West Catholic. We will have a joint worship service as we ordain and install Jonathan as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. This joyous occasion calls for celebration, so plan to stick around for the lunch reception as well! We will not have an evening service in Fairmount that day.

Membership Seminar, April 21, 9am. This is the first step towards Membership. This seminar is also great if you are new to our community and want to get to know us a little better as a church. Come learn more about our story, vision, commitments, and community and ask any questions you may have. Let us know if you plan to make it and RSVP on the website.

Redemption Housing - Congregational Training, April 19–May 10. Redemption Housing, a West-Philly-based nonprofit that provides free and low-cost housing to men recently released from prison, will begin a four-week training program for all City Church congregants who wish to be better prepared to engage with participants in Redemption Housing's programming. This training will take place each Thursday evening from 19 April-10 May at a TBD location in W. Philly. To register for this training here, go to goo.gl/wbBxAT

Youth Fundraiser Lunch, April 22nd, 12pm at West Catholic. City Church Youth will be traveling to Youngstown, Ohio this summer to work with an organization called Goodness Grow. They will be working alongside adults with disabilities in the care and cultivation of a produce garden that provides food for local farmers markets and food banks. Stick around after the morning service, enjoy lunch with friends, and support the youth summer mission trip!

55+ Brunch, April 29th, 12pm at West Catholic. The 55+ gather together several times a year for a shared meal, the sharing of what has been happening in our lives, and a time of pray for each other. RSVP to Carol at cbartholomew@bellsouth.net.

Service

Serve your city with your church through our ongoing partnership with UCHC, Redemption Housing, Tutoring at Lea Elementary, and YoungLives. For more information and opportunities, visit citychurchphilly.com/serve-city.

Community Groups

Community Groups meet weekly for spiritual formation and friendship in homes throughout Philadelphia. These smaller groups exist to cultivate our life together as a community of faith where we know one another personally and are known by others. For group descriptions and when/where they happen, visit citychurchphilly.com/community-groups.

Online Giving

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EASTER SACRIFICIAL OFFERING 2018

The City Church Diaconate are excited to announce two designees for this year's Easter Sacrificial Offering:

REDEMPTION HOUSING

Redemption Housing is a West-Philly-based nonprofit that provides free and low-cost housing to men recently released from prison by partnering with local churches. City Church is one of six Connecting Congregations that have partnered with Redemption Housing in this important ministry. Currently, three returning citizens live in their Locust House in our neighborhood, and they are planning to purchase a house this year that will hold up to 8 returning citizens. City Church's ESO gift to Redemption Housing will go to their home purchase fund, and we expect it to significantly help them toward this important next step for their ministry.

YOUNGLIVES

YoungLives Philadelphia is a nonprofit that empowers and equips teen moms to become productive citizens in their community by engaging mature Christian women to provide teen mothers in crisis with timely encouragement, guidance, and ongoing support. There are currently YoungLives clubs in the N. Broad, Olney, and Kensington neighborhoods of Philadelphia. Monica Horvath, a City Church member, is the Director for Philadelphia YoungLives and has been leading a monthly prayer gathering in advance of starting a West Philadelphia YoungLives club. The gift from City Church's ESO will go towards sustaining the three current ministries as well as the Club starting in West Oak Lane in May 2018 and the soon-to-start West Philadelphia Club.

West Philly	Fairmount
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Stacy Bartholomew: liturgist Katie Davis: liturgist

Tuck Bartholomew: preacher, celebrant Chris Currie: preacher, celebrant

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Contact Information and Prayer Requests

If you are new to City Church, please use this page to let us know you were here. You may also use this page to inform us of any changes in your contact information, or to submit prayer requests for the staff to pray over.

I am a:	Interested in helping with:	
☐ New to City Church	☐ Children's ministry	
☐ Interested in Neighborhood Service☐ Interested in our E-Newsletter	☐ Youth ministry	
	☐ Hospitality and logistics	
☐ Interested in a Community (Group	
Name(s):		
Children & their ages:		
Address:		
Phone Number(s):		
Email(s):		
Prayer requests:		

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