



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday April 15, 2018

Easter 3

The Creed: What Christians Believe
“God the Father”

PRELUDE

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.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
All the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
more to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey.
Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer.

from Psalm 19

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 Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive us and heal us
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Kingdom Come - Nicole C. Mullen

Our Father, in heaven, please hear me now I pray.
We need you, more than ever, in a million different ways.
There are wars on every land, poverty inside of man,
the earth is groaning from within; deliver us again
from the evil that devours, consume it with your power,
we implore you now this hour, we pray.

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
right here on earth, as it is in heaven.
Come, set up your throne,
and let thy kingdom come.*

Our Father, in heaven, so holy is your name.
The angels, they adore you; soon all earth will do the same,
where every tear that we have cried
will be comforted and dried.

We'll eat from the Tree of Life, and life will never end,
and we'll worship at your throne,
where you'll make your glory known,
that you are God and God alone, and we pray.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done...

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Psalm 62 - Aaron Keyes, Stuart Townend

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,
a fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to him who hears me.

*O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing, my redeemer, my God.*

Find rest, my soul, in God alone
amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in him completely;
with every day pour out my soul,
and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my king has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever.

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BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

Bryce Jadrosich (West Philly) | Cooper Currie (Fairmount)

Minister:

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil
in your life and in the world?

Parents:

I renounce them.

Minister:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Parents:

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Minister (to the candidate):

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation,
and through worship and service seek to advance
God's purposes here and throughout the world?

Candidates:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Minister:

Do you promise to instruct this child in the truth of
God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus
Christ; to pray for him, to teach him to pray; and to
train him in Christ's way by your example, through
worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents:

I do, and I ask God to help me.

Minister (to the congregation):

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support
this brother and sister
by teaching the gospel of God's love,
by being an example of Christian faith and character,
and by giving the strong support of God's family
in fellowship, prayer, and service.

Congregation: **We do.**

The sacrament of baptism is administered.

Pastoral prayer is offered.

The congregation shall stand.

All Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.
Join with us as we give witness in the world
to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia.

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: Genesis 1:1-2; 1:26-2:3

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day

and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 14:5-11

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“God the Father” – 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.

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. Alleluia!

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

Gracious Shepherd, Lead Us Home - Joshua Stamper

Gracious God, look on your child,
by your grace please carry me.
Let no law reside in my heart
but the law of your bread and wine.

Gracious King, I've come to be
clothed in armor, sword, and shield.
Let me not depart from this earth
till my part of the battle's through.

*Lead us soon to dwell in the land we're called to,
through the valleys and rivers and mountains of snow,
to the rest that your word has bestowed.*

Gracious Savior, wash my heart
from such prideful vanity.
Let your light bring my high head low
to drink from the Stream of Life.

Gracious Friend, where would I be
save thy gentle guiding hand?
Lost amid the briar and the thorn,
nay, now I reside in Grace!

Lead us soon to dwell ...

Gracious Shepherd, lead us home.
Be our beacon through the mist.
Grant thy strength to frames weak as these,
Land us safe on Canaan's shore.

Lead us soon to dwell ...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
We offer you ourselves as a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Be Thou My Vision - Traditional Irish poem

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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!

West Philly

Alex Arnold: liturgist

Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Fairmount

Jenn Cho: liturgist

Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

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