



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

---

Sunday May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday  
The Creed: What Christians Believe  
“He Will Come Again”

## PRELUDE

### PREPARATION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

*All* **And also with you.**

Let us bless the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Let us praise and bless God forever.**

### 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*)

©2016 Drink Your Tea Music

### THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*All* **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars that you have established;**  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
**who are mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
**and crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion  
over the works of your hands;  
**you have put all things under their feet.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth.

*from Psalm 8*

#### *Gloria Patri*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

*All* **as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

### 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* God the Father of heaven,  
have mercy on us.  
God the Son, redeemer of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
God the Holy Spirit,  
have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
have mercy on us.  
From all evil, sin, and pride,  
deliver us, O Holy Trinity.  
From all uncleanness, sloth, and love of riches,  
deliver us, O Holy Trinity.  
From every thought, word, and deed contrary to your will,  
deliver us, O Holy Trinity.

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May Almighty God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
forgive you for all your sins,  
heal your wounds,  
and renew your will,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

## SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*How Sweet to Wait* - Joseph Swain, Clint Wells, Karl Digerness

How sweet to wait upon the Lord,  
while he fulfills his gracious word;  
to seek his face, and not in vain,  
to be so loved, and love again!

To see, while prostrate at his feet,  
Jehovah on the mercy-seat;  
and Jesus, at the Lord's right hand,  
with his divine atonement stand!

*Amen! our hearts with rapture cry,  
may we with reverence look so high;  
ascended Savior, fix our eyes,  
by faith upon this glorious prize!*

Father, he cries, I will that these  
before thee on their bended knees,  
for whom my life I once laid down,  
be with me soon on this my throne.

With this delightful prospect fired,  
we'll run, nor in thy ways be tired;  
and all the trials here we see,  
will make us long to reign with thee.

*Holy, Holy, Holy* - J.B. Dykes, P. McFarland

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

## **BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION**

*Clark Bradford Allison and Naomi Lila Cocco (West Philly)*

Minister (to the candidates & parents):  
Do you renounce sin and the power of evil  
in your life and in the world?

Candidates & Parents:  
**I renounce them.**

Minister (to the candidates & parents):  
Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates & 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 (to the parents):  
Do you promise to instruct these children in the truth  
of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus  
Christ; to pray for them, to teach them to pray; and to  
train them 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 these  
brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's  
love, by being an example of Christian faith and char-  
acter, 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 risen 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: Revelation 22:6-21*

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

<sup>7</sup>"See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." <sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" <sup>10</sup>And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." <sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. <sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; <sup>19</sup>if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel reading: Matthew 28:16-20*

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

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

*"He Will Come Again"* – 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.*

## **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

*Till He Come*

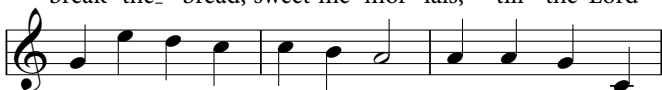
Edward Bickersteth



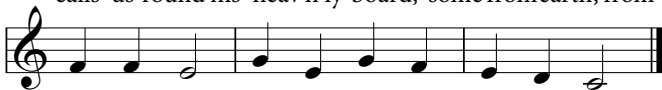
1. "Till he come," O let the words lin-ger on the
2. When the wea-ry ones we love en-ter on their
3. Clouds and conflicts round us press; would we have one
4. See, the feast of love is spread, drink the wine, and



trem - bling chords, let the "lit - tle while" between  
rest a - bove, seems the earth so poor and vast,  
sor - row less? All the sharpness of the cross,  
break the bread; sweet me - mor - ials, till the Lord



in their gol - den light be seen; let us think how  
all our life joy o - ver cast? Hush, be ev' - ry  
all that tells the world is lost, death and dark - ness,  
calls us round his heav'n ly board; some from earth, from



heav'n and home lie be - yond that, "Till he come."  
mur - mur dumb; it is on - ly, "Till he come."  
and the tomb, on - ly whis - per, "Till he come."  
glo - ry some, se - vered on - ly, "Till he come."

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All* Gracious God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Grateful for your gifts  
and mindful of the communion of your saints,  
we ask that you would bind us together  
in love, unity, and peace,  
so that the world may know  
that you have sent us,  
and we may glorify your name:  
Father, Son, and Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## BLESSING AND SENDING

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* - Charles Wesley, Mark E. Hunt

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
news, glad tidings of a birth;  
"Go to him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
he whose glories knew no end;  
by his life he brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Stanzas 2 & 3 ©1978, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

## 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  
Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
Jaron Olevsky: bass

#### Fairmount

Mae Trieu: liturgist  
Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
Jaron Olevsky: bass

Please visit [citychurchphilly.com](http://citychurchphilly.com) and subscribe  
to our newsletter for more information about  
community life and church events.

City Church CCLI License #2772464.

Scriptures quoted from the NRSV bible ©1989 NCCUSA.