



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday June 17, 2018

Tell It Slant: Jesus' Stories of
Kingdom, Grace, & Judgment

“The Mustard Seed & Leaven”

PRELUDE

PREPARATION

Gracious God, grant us diligence to seek you
and patience to wait for you.

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.

O sing unto the Lord a new song;

All sing to the Lord, all the earth!

OPENING SONG

Immortal, Invisible - John Roberts, Walter Chalmers Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish -- but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

Be joyful in God, all you lands;

All sing the glory of his name.

Sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

All the earth bows down before you,

sings to you, sings out your name.

Come now and see the works of God,

how wonderful he is in his acts toward all people.

from Psalm 66

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 Lord God,
we sin against you and one another.
We worry and do not give thanks.
We allow ugliness and corruption to fill our minds.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Open the Eyes of My Heart - Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you,
I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy:

Holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy
holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.

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My Savior's Love Endures - Jennie Lee Riddle, JJ & Dave Heller

My soul does magnify the greatness of the Lord.

On me his favor lights; in my savior I rejoice.

He has done mighty things, holy is his name.

All creatures under heaven: fear him whose mercy reigns.

*He has proven his might,
his arm outstretched with strength;
he has scattered the proud
and brought down all vain conceit.
He has lifted the lowly,
brings goodness to the poor.
My savior's love endures.*

O Israel, find your help solely in the Lord;
his mercy's without end, his promise he'll uphold.

He has proven his might...

Glory be to the Father and Son,
glory be to the Spirit, three in one.
Glory be in the beginning and the end,
glory forever, amen.

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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

New Testament reading: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No,

in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 13:31-35

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” ³⁴Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. ³⁵This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Mustard Seed & Leaven” – Rev. Jonathan Davis

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 mercy and love, grow us up together,
that we might be of one mind and one love,
gentle toward one another and full of thanks.

And may joy in the Lord overflow in us.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord of all nations:

guide those with power and in authority.

Fill their minds with what is true and just,

to know what is honorable and commendable.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, our Comforter, grant us peace:

draw near all who suffer; deliver them from worry.

Guard the vulnerable and those who struggle.

Lift their supplications before the Father.

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

Deep Were His Wounds and Red - William Johnson, Vito Aiuto

Deep were his wounds, and red, on cruel Calvary,
as on the cross he bled in bitter agony,
but they whom sin has wounded sore
find healing in the wounds he bore,
but they whom sin has wounded sore
find healing in the wounds he bore.

He suffered shame and scorn and wretched, dire disgrace;
forsaken and forlorn, he hung there in our place,
but all who would from sin be free
look to his cross for victory,
but all who would from sin be free
look to his cross for victory.

His life, his all he gave when he was crucified;
our burdened souls to save, what fearful death he died!
But each of us, though dead in sin,
through Christ eternal life may win,
but each of us, though dead in sin,
through Christ eternal life may win.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion grow us in love,
renew us in God's peace,
and lead us to rejoice,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING

Wood and Nails - Keith Watts, Isaac Wardell, Madison Cunningham

O humble carpenter, down on your hands and knees,
look on your handiwork and build a house
so you may dwell in me, so you may dwell in me.

The work was done with nothing but
wood and nails in your scarborne hands.

O show me how to work and praise
trusting that I am your instrument.

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face,
oh build a table that I too may join you
in the Father's place, oh in the Father's place!

The work was done with nothing but
wood and nails in your scarborne hands.

O show me how to work and praise
trusting that I am your instrument.

The kingdom's come and built upon
wood and nails gripped with joyfulness,
so send me out within your ways,
knowing that the task is finished.

The dead will rise and give you praise:
wood and nails will not hold them down!
These wooden tombs, we'll break them soon
and fashion them into flower beds.

The curse is done, the battle won,
swords bent down into plowshares,
your scarborne hands, we'll join with them,
serving at the table you've prepared.

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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

Julia Snyder: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Christopher McDonald:
piano, voice
Josh Stamper: bass
Mike Szekely: drums

Fairmount

Arlene Navarro: liturgist
Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Christopher McDonald:
piano, voice
Josh Stamper: bass
Mike Szekely: drums

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