



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Sunday July 1, 2018

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

“The Lost Sheep”

## PRELUDE

### PREPARATION

May our souls take refuge  
from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought,  
and beneath the shadow of your wings,  
find peace in you, O God.

*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.

O sing unto the Lord a new song;

*All* sing to the Lord, all the earth!

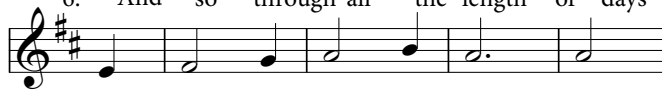
### OPENING SONG

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Isaac Watts



1. The king of love my shep-herd is,
2. Where streams of li - ving wa - ter flow
3. Per - verse and foo - lish oft I strayed,
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight,
6. And so through all the length of days



whose good - ness fail - eth ne - ver;  
my ran - somed soul he lead - eth,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
with thee, dear Lord, be - side me,  
thy un - ction grace bes - tow - eth,  
thy good - ness fail - eth ne - ver;



I noth - ing lack if I am his  
and where the ver - dant pas - tures grow,  
and on his shoul - der gent - ly laid,  
thy rod and staff my com - fort still,  
and O what tran - sport of de - light  
good Shep - herd, may I sing thy praise



and he is mine for - e - ver.  
with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth.  
with - in thy house for - e - ver.

## THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
*All* no evil shall befall you.  
For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them,  
I will honor them.  
With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

*from Psalm 91*

## 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* Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have wandered and strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep.  
We have too often followed  
the desires of our own hearts,  
and our hearts have led us away  
from you to selfish ends.  
We have not loved you,  
nor borne our neighbor's burdens.  
But you, O Lord, delight in showing mercy to us.  
Restore us, because of your son Jesus Christ,  
who denied himself, took up his cross,  
and followed you,  
and through his sacrifice, brought us back to life.  
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

*Come, Ye Sinners* - Joseph Hart, William Owen

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity joined with pow'r:  
he is able, he is able,  
he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance,  
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,  
without money, without money,  
come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
bruised and broken by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all:  
not the righteous, not the righteous,  
sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth  
is to feel your need of him;  
this he gives you, this he gives you,  
'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended,  
pleads the merit of his blood;  
venture on him, venture wholly,  
let no other trust intrude:  
none but Jesus, none but Jesus,  
can do helpless sinners good.

*All the Poor and Powerless* - David Leonard, Leslie Jordan

All the poor and powerless  
and all the lost and lonely,  
and all the thieves will come confess  
and know that you are holy,  
and know that you are holy.

*And all will sing out hallelujah,  
and we will cry out hallelujah.*

All the hearts who are content  
and all who feel unworthy  
and all who hurt with nothing left  
will know that you are holy.

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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:* 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel reading:* Matthew 18:10-14

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

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

<sup>10</sup>“Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

“*The Lost Sheep*” – 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](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.*

## 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.*

Loving Father,  
it is your will that nothing shall be lost,  
but rather that we be raised up from death on the last day.  
May this message of hope extend through all the earth,  
that all may know what you have prepared for those  
who believe,  
for this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of the nations,  
we pray for the leaders of nations  
to strive for justice and peace,  
that all who suffer oppression or violence  
might be delivered  
and that your church might freely minister reconciliation;  
for this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of all compassion,  
we ask your blessing upon all who are sick or in distress,  
for those who are in need, whether in mind or body:  
may they know peace and renewal  
through the blood of Christ  
and be healed and comforted;  
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

*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.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice, a gift of love.**

Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## BLESSING AND SENDING

*Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee* - Francis Key,  
John Wilcox

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee  
for the bliss thy love bestows,  
for the pardoning grace that saves me,  
and the peace that from it flows:  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;  
this dull soul to rapture raise:  
thou must light the flame, or never  
can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,  
wretched wanderer, far astray;  
found thee lost, and kindly brought thee  
from the paths of death away;  
praise, with love's devoutest feeling,  
him who saw thy guilt-born fear,  
and the light of hope revealing,  
bade the bloodstained cross appear.

Praise thy savior God that drew thee  
to that cross, new life to give,  
held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,  
bade thee look to him and live.  
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,  
roused thee from thy fatal ease;  
praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,  
praise the grace that whispered peace.

Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling  
vainly would my lips express.  
Low before thy footstool kneeling,  
deign thy suppliant's prayer to bless:  
Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure,  
love's pure flame within me raise;  
and, since words can never measure,  
let my life show forth thy praise.

## 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

Stacy Bartholomew: liturgist  
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

#### Fairmount

Rob Wildes: liturgist  
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

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