

Sunday October 6, 2019

The Gospel of Mark "The Family of Jesus"

## Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today in worship. We hope you find City Church to be a warm, welcoming community—regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout this guide.

Our worship is "liturgical." The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

On pages 19-22, you'll find information about our community. We hope this helps you get to know us better and that, in turn, we can get to know you better. Help us welcome you by filling out the contact sheet on the back page and placing it in the offering basket or in our hands after the worship service.

All to say, we are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff

Tuck Bartholomew, Chris Currie, Jonathan Davis

# Sunday Info

Nursery, Room 111 Children 4 – 24 months for the duration of the service

Children's, Church Room 112–113 Children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will return prior to communion.

**Adult Ed Class** No classes are currently meeting.

Accessibility A wheelchair ramp and elevator are on site. A greeter can assist you.

**Coffee** is available in the SE hallway at 10:15am and before Adult Ed classes when offered.

## Reflection

The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity, and held safe.

- Henri Nouwen

## Church Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

GOD SUMMONS US AS HIS PEOPLE

As we meet together each week, we recognize in the preparation that God, through his word and Spirit, gathers us into his presence and calls us into his life and mission.

## Prelude

## Preparation

Let us take a moment in silence to remember that we are in the holy presence of God.

All Amen.

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.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

All Let us sing joyful songs of praise!

# **Opening Song**

Trinity Song



Come, with your peace, with your in-vi-ta-tion, bind us to-geth-er in ho-ly love.

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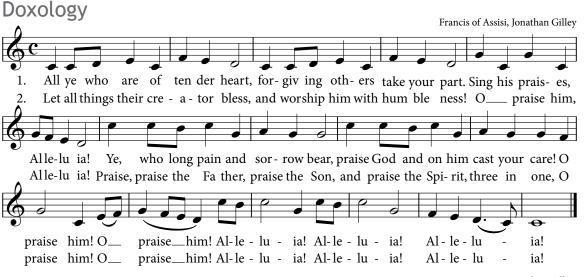
# Opening of Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? All The Lord is my stronghold; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet will I be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, one thing I will seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may behold his beauty and inquire in his temple, for he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble. "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, O Lord, do I seek. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! Do not forsake me, O God of my salvation; Even if my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living;

from Psalm 27

# Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Be strong, take courage, and wait for the Lord!



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GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

## Confession of Sin

All Father of Mercy,
you pour out your Spirit upon us
and call us to new life in you.
Yet in our weakness and unbelief,
we are blind to your movements,
hardened by your offers of grace
and doubtful of your power to redeem.
Forgive our sins, Lord.
Our well of brokenness is deep,
but your grace in Jesus is deeper.

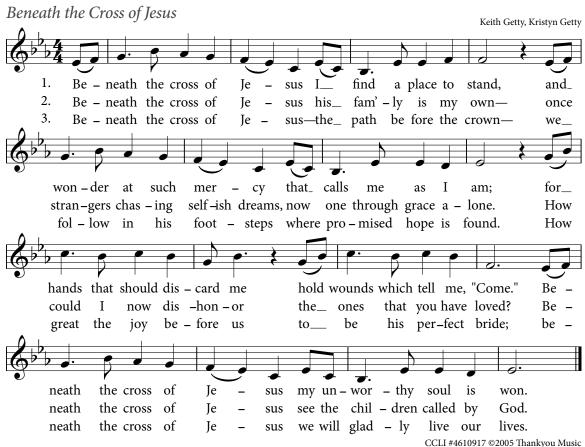
Silence is kept.

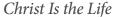
# Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.

All Amen.

# Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving







- 1. In Christ we of fer all that he has of fered. The per-fect Of -fe ring.
- 2. So we re-mem-ber all that he re-mem-bered. The whole of Love re turned.
- 3. Sent forth in beau-ty, re-con-ci-ling all things. Ra-diant in ho-li-ness.



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Children attending kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. 1st - 5th graders are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

# 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.

## The Word of God

New Testament reading: Romans 12:1-5

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Mark 3:20-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *All* Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Then Jesus went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

GOD SPEAKS TO US
IN HIS WORD

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

## Sermon

ΑII

"The Family of Jesus" - Rev. Chris Currie

# Offering and Presentation of Gifts

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

The offering is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly. com/give. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give—we're grateful simply for your presence here today.

## 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, by your Spirit you give us eyes and ears by which we discern the movements of your kingdom. Unite us as your family in your work of redemption, that your kingdom might not be divided by our weakness but be advanced in joy and peace by your power. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Having offered ourselves up in faith through the creed, affirming the power of God's redemption, we lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God in prayer for his provision and healing.

Christ the Son,
empower our leaders to bring greater justice and peace.
For the sake of the poor,
have mercy on the financial chaos,
both here and abroad,
caused by our greed and materialism.
Guard those who suffer oppression or violence
in turbulent countries,
and let your church be shrewd ministers
of reconciliation worldwide.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

#### All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, we ask your blessing for all who are in distress. Heal the sick, comfort the lonely, and renew the hope of the depressed. We beg your mercy upon the homeless in our city; grant them shelter and sustenance, jobs and resources to find relief, and lead us to extend our own resources where we are able. 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.

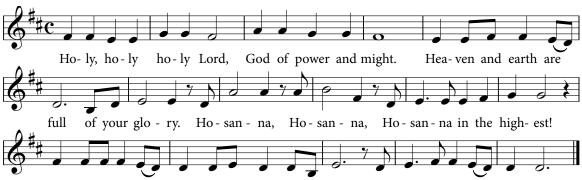
# The Eucharistic Prayer

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

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 below). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Iesus Christ and with his people, the church.

#### Sanctus



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

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

If you would like prayer for healing and anointing with oil, please come to the back of the room after you have been served, and an elder will pray for you. This will be a time of liturgical prayer; you will not be asked to share your particular situation.

The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister 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.

# **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**

Your Child

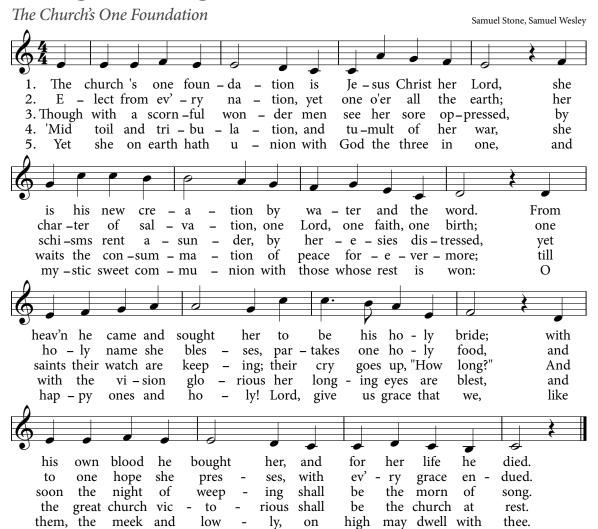


I will al-ways be your child, I will e-ver be re-deemed, you will al-ways be my Ab - ba.

# Prayer after Communion

All Heavenly Father,
you have gathered us around the table of your Son,
the family meal where the main course is redemption.
Strengthen us here with our brothers and sisters
of every race and language
to work again in the certainty of your promise
that you are making all things new
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

# Blessing and Sending



GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

## Benediction

May God, our Heavenly Father, grant you the power to comprehend the breadth and length, the height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, and fill you with all the fullness of God; 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.

Natalie Harvey: liturgist

Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Danel Brooks: piano, voice

Becca Booth: voice

Christopher McDonald: keyboards, voice

Matt Scarano: drums

## CONNECT

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** range in size from 10-15 people and meet weekly in the home of a group member for spiritual formation and friendship. We encourage you to visit multiple groups to see which one might be a good fit. Contact a leader if you plan to visit. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly.com if you have questions.

#### **West Philly**

- 50<sup>th</sup> & Springfield, Tuesdays 7<sub>PM</sub> Jessie Taylor, jessie.f.taylor@gmail.com
- 52nd & Larchwood, Tuesdays 7<sub>PM</sub> Jade Avelis, jade.avelis@gmail.com
- 48<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore at Linda's, Wed 6:30<sub>PM</sub> Janet Nygren, janetnygren@gmail.com
- 49<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore, Thursdays 6<sub>РМ</sub> Vieen Leung, vieenleung@gmail.com
- 48<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore at Dick's, Thursdays 6:30<sub>PM</sub> Joel Bassett, jbassett4@gmail.com

#### **Fairmount**

- Ringgold & Poplar, Wednesdays 7<sub>PM</sub>
   Su Jin Kim, splujin@gmail.com
- 22<sup>nd</sup> & Poplar, Sundays 4<sub>PM</sub>
   Bonnie Currie, bonnie.currie@gmail.com

#### **South Philly**

 12<sup>th</sup> & Wharton, Wednesdays 7:30<sub>PM</sub> Kirstin Peth, kirstin.peth@gmail.com

#### Roxborough

Tuesdays 6:30<sub>PM</sub>
 Cale Weatherly, cale.weatherly@gmail.com

**FAMILY MINISTRIES** come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- Children's Ministry. Our children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to allow them opportunities to form spiritual friendships with their peers and teachers. See page 2 for details. Contact Amy Lee, amy@citychurchphilly. com.
- City Church Youth, Sundays 12:30-2:30pm. Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at a Woodland Presbyterian Church (42 & Pine) for fellowship, bible study, and prayer. Lunch is provided each week. Contact Eric Burrows-Stone, eric@citychurchphilly.com

#### **UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** The

Gathering is an intentional Community Group for college students that meets once a week for a (FREE) meal and topical discussion. Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm in Houston Hall 225. Contact Natalie Harvey, natalie@citychurchphilly.com.

**55+** is a group of older people attending City Church who gather monthly after Sunday services for a shared meal and shared prayer. Contact Miriam Wattenbarger, mwattenb@hotmail.com.

WOMEN'S DAYTIME BOOK STUDY Tuesdays 9:30AM, Childcare available. Contact Eeva, eevaduddleston@gmail.com.

## **GROW**

**City Church is a community committed to** growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, City Church focuses on eight practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Read about our approach to Spiritual Formation | citychurchphilly.com/spiritualformation
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox citychurchphilly.com/daily-prayer
- Check out current and upcoming Adult Ed classes | citychurchphilly.com/adult-ed

## **GIVE**

The intentional financial participation of those who consider City Church their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to City Church:

- Place cash or check in the offering basket on Sundays
- Give online | citychurchphilly.com/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select City Church Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: City Church, PO Box 30902, Philadelphia, PA 19104

## **SERVE**

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. Over the years, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit citychurchphilly.org/serve-city.















REDEMPTION HOUSING

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sign up for E-news and Morning & Evening Prayer As a church family, City Church focuses on eight practices that Christians historically have embraced for spiritual formation. One of those practices is prayer, and we specifically recommend participating in the cycle of prayer and bible readings found in the Daily Office, a structured form of prayer embraced across many traditions of Christianity. Sign up on the back page of your bulletin to receive daily prayer emails from the church, as well as our weekly e-newsletter.

Opportunities to Serve City Church Kids Did you know that we have 80 children here at City Church? We are blessed with lots of joyful little people! It takes 15 volunteers per week to staff our classes, and volunteers usually help once per month. All volunteers need clearances. If you'd like to help, please contact Amy Lee at amy@citychurchphilly.com

ISO Children's Ministry Helper Sunday Mornings Children's Ministry is looking to hire a helper to assist with babysitting and cleaning on Sundays from 9:30 am to 1:00pm. The person must be 21 and older, have all their clearances, be able to provide references, be punctual, and not attend City Church. Pay is \$17-18/hour. If you know of someone that would be a good fit, please email Amy Lee at amy@citychurchphilly.com.

### **ALSO IN PHILLY**

Travel to Israel in 2020 with Dr. Cyndi Parker – Deadline Approaching! City Church is going to Israel! Dr. Cyndi Parker is leading two trips for City Church. The February trip focuses on the historical context of the Bible (limited to 28–32 people, sign up by October 15). The May trip includes key biblical sites but focuses primarily on the modern, cultural context (limited to 14 people). Itineraries and registration links for both trips can be found at narrativeofplace.com.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### October

5 City Church 10116 Seekers' Group27 4th Sunday Prayer

#### **November**

9 City Church 101

## October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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13	14	15	Seekers' Group	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4th Sunday Prayer	Elder Meeting	29	30	31		

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<ul> <li>□ Community Groups</li> <li>□ Neighborhood Service Opportunities</li> <li>□ Volunteering on Sundays</li> <li>□ Children's &amp; Youth Ministries</li> <li>□ Meeting with a Pastor</li> <li>□ Other:</li> </ul>
Prayer Requests  Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.  Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

Please tear off this back page and place in the offering basket.

