



The Rhythm of Our Worship

On the road to Emmaus, when Jesus' disciples found themselves troubled and confused, Jesus met them along the way. When they confessed their troubles and doubts to him, his words and presence began to change them. He unfolded God's word to them, pointing to his own person and work. He dined with them, giving thanks and breaking bread. The disciples recognized their Lord's presence with them and hurried to tell others the good news.

In the Emmaus story we recognize the pattern of historic Christian worship as it began to take shape. Our worship liturgy at City Church moves through a specific rhythm: God **Summons** us as his people, God **Sanctifies** us to himself, God **Speaks** to us in his word, God **Strengthens** us at his table, and God **Sends** us into the world.

The emphasis throughout our worship is upon God's action and our appropriate response. In worship we rehearse the gospel message of Jesus' death and resurrection and are caught up into the mission of the Triune God. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then impelling us outward into our world.

Sunday April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

"Impartiality and Resurrection"

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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.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world!

Opening Song

The Strife Is O'er

Latin hymn, Francis Pott, Giovanni da Palestrina



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
2. The pow'rs of death have done_ their worst, but Christ their
3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped; he ri - ses
4. He closed the yaw - ning gates_ of hell; the bars from
5. Lord, by the stripes which woun - ded thee, from death's dread



ry of life_ is won; the song of tri - umph
le - gions hath_ dis - pers'd: let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from_ the dead: all glo - ry to our
heav'n's high por - tals fell: let hymns of praise his
sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live and



has_ be - gun, Al - le - lu - ia!
joy_ out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ri - sen Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
tri - umphs tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
sing_ to thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Opening of Worship

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you!
All I will praise your name, my God!
You have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
You have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress.
On this mountain the Lord will make a feast for all:
a feast of rich food, of well-aged wines.
And he will destroy a shroud on this mountain,
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever!
Then the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
he will take away the disgrace of his people from the earth.
It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God!"
"We have waited for him, so that he might save us."
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!

from Isaiah 25

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Doxology

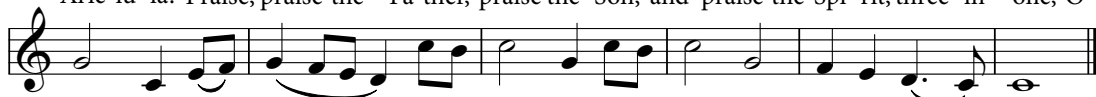
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O__ praise him,



Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O
Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi- rit, three in one, O



praise him! O__ praise__him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him! O__ praise__him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Confession of Sin

All Lord Jesus, you were dead but now you are alive:
transform the torments of this world's sin
that we may see your radiant glory.
You were raised from death to life:
may the power of your resurrection live in us,
that we may be channels of your true life beyond measure.
To you, Jesus, who broke free from the bonds of death,
be honor and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from your hearts and minds,
forgive you your sins,
grant you the joy of his kingdom,
and raise you to new and everlasting life.

All Amen.

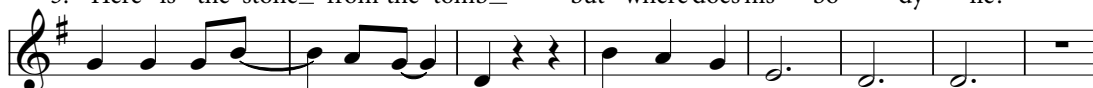
Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving

He Is Given

Bifrost Arts



1. Here is the fire___ and the wood___ but where is the sac - ri - fice?
2. Here is the King___ of the Jews___ but what is this mourn - ful sight?
3. Here is the stone___ from the tomb___ but where does his bo - dy lie?



Here in the place___ of our sin, he will him - self pro - vide.
Here see the shape___ of our sin flow from his pierc - ed side.
Here he has con - quered our sin and has gone up on high!



He is gi - ven,___ he is gi - ven.___ He is gi - ven,___
He is strick-en,___ he is strick-en.___ He is strick-en,___
He is ri - sen,___ he is ri - sen.___ He is ri - sen,___



— he is gi - ven.___ Al - le - lu - ia,___ al - le - lu - ia!___
— he is strick-en.___
— he is ri - sen.___

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Venatius Fortunatus, Augustus Nelson, Bethany Brooks



1. Praise the sa - vior now and e - ver; praise him, all be - neath the skies;
2. Sin's bonds se - vered, we're de - li - vered, Christ has bruised the ser - pent's head;
3. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our right - eous - ness;
4. For his fa - vor, praise for - e - ver, un - to God the Fa - ther sing;



pros - trate ly - ing, suff' - ring, dy - ing on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.
death no lon - ger is the stron - ger, hell it - self is cap - tive led.
he, our sa - vior, has for - e - ver set us free from dire dis - tress.
praise the sa - vior, praise him e - ver, Son of God, our Lord and King.



Vict' - ry gain - ing, life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry he doth rise.
Christ has ri - sen from death's pri - son, o'er the tomb he light has shed.
Through his me - rit we in - he - rit light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
Praise the Spi - rit, through Christ's me - rit, he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

Passing of the Peace

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

All And also with you. Alleluia.

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: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 20:1-18

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have

carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Impartiality and Resurrection” — 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.

Offertory

My God, the Spring of All My Joys - Isaac Watts, J.C. Lowry, Sarah Lancaster*

My God, the spring of all my joys,
the life of my delight,
the glory of my brightest days,
and comfort of my nights.

*In darkest shades if thou appear,
my blissful dawning is begun,
thou art my soul's bright morning star,
and thou my rising sun.*

The opening heavens around me shine,
with beams of sacred bliss,
while Jesus shows his heart is mine,
and whispers, I am his.

*Offertory song only in the West Philly service

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Exsultet

The Exsultet is ancient Christian hymn for Easter, dating back to at least the 7th century. In this version we will begin antiphonally, alternating between the left and right sides of the auditorium.

Left: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

***Right:* O Universe, dance around God's throne!**

L: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

***R:* Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!**

L: Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendor of your creation,

***R:* radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!**

L: Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

***R:* Darkness vanishes forever!**

L: Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

***R:* The risen Savior shines upon you!**

All: *Let all God's people sing and shout for joy!*

Members of the congregation continue by leading us in this ancient hymn of praise.

*Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
has saved us by his death, O Father.
He paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*This day is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*This is the day when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery
and leading her safely through the sea.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*This is the day that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*Crowning glory of all feasts!
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*Feast truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth
and all creation reconciled to you.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*Therefore, heavenly Father,
in the joy of this day, receive our sacrifice of praise,
your church's solemn offering.*

All **Glory to you forever!**

*May Christ, that Morning Star,
who came back from the dead,
shed his light of peace on all humankind,
your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

All **Amen and amen.**

Communion

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 on page 14). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

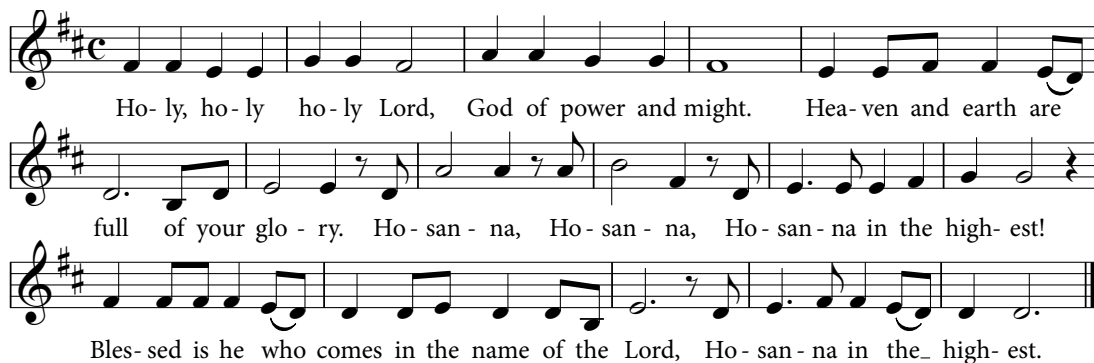
All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

We are bound to praise you above all else
because you raised Jesus gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life he restores us to his kingdom forever.
He has placed us once more in paradise
and opened to us the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of his resurrection,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing forever the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

Alleluia! 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

All the Poor and Powerless

Leslie Jordan & David Leonard



1. All the poor_ and pow er- less_____ and all the lost and lone ly.
2. All the hearts who are cont ent_____ and all who feel un worth - y.



All the thieves will come con fess_____ and know that you are ho - ly; will
All who hurt_ with noth - thing left_____ will know that you are ho - ly; will



know that you are ho - ly. All will sing out, Hal-le-lu-jah! We will cry out, Hal-le-lu-jah!
know that you are ho - ly.



All will sing out, Hal - le - lu - jah! We will cry out, Hal - le - lu - jah!_____

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Prayer after Communion

All God of Life, you gave up your only-begotten Son
to death on a cross for our redemption,
and by his glorious resurrection,
you deliver us from the power of our enemy:
grant us by this meal to die daily to sin,
that we may forever live with him in the joy of his risen life.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Samuel Medley, American folk hymn



1. I__ know that my Re - deem - er lives:
2. He__ lives, he lives, who_ once was dead, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
3. He__ lives to bless me__ with his love,
4. He__ lives, all glo - ry__ to his name!



What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives,
He__ lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
He__ lives to plead for__ me a - bove,
He__ lives, my Je - sus__ still the same,



Shout on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!



The dead's a - live and the lost is found, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

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

Stacy Bartholomew: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Ross Bellenoit: guitar
Matt Engle: bass
Daniel Levine: trumpet
Mike Szekely: drums

Fairmount

Mae Trieu: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Matt Engle: bass
Adam Hershberger: trumpet
Mike Szekely: drums
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DIACONAL MINISTRIES OF CITY CHURCH

Our Easter Sacrificial offering will support our mercy and justice ministries. We invite you to join in these works by giving, by praying and by serving.

ON GOING:

Homelessness Support: Caring for those in our community that are experiencing homelessness by serving meals through UCHC. Contact Julia Snyder (julia.a.snyder@gmail.com)

Tutoring: Reading with and tutoring neighborhood children attending Lea Elementary School. Contact Linda Visconti (lindavisconti53@gmail.com)

Refugee Resettlement: Partnering with HIAS to welcome, support and befriend refugee families as they come to our city. Contact Esuga Abaya (esugaabaya@gmail.com)

EMERGING:

Redemption Housing: Working with Redemption Housing to support men coming out of incarceration by providing them with a stable place to live and connections to a broader community. Contact Alex Arnold (sweet.suffering@gmail.com)

Sunday Morning Prayer Team: Creating space for intercessory prayer during Communion. Contact Jim Faircloth (jhfaircloth@gmail.com).

Hospitality Support: Seeking volunteers that can offer a room, a meal, a ride or vocational support for needs that arise in our congregation and neighborhoods. Contact Sarah Miciel (sarahmiciel68@gmail.com).

FUTURE:

We do not yet know the ways God will move but we want to be open to and prepared to follow the Spirit's leading in our neighborhoods, city and world.

Contact Information and Prayer Requests

If you are new to City Church, please use this page to let us know you were here. You may also use this page to inform us of any changes in your contact information, or to submit prayer requests for the staff to pray over.

I am a:

- New to City Church
- Interested in Neighborhood Service
- Interested in our E-Newsletter
- Interested in a Community Group

Interested in helping with:

- Children's ministry
- Youth ministry
- Hospitality and logistics

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____



Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer requests: _____

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