



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Sunday April 23, 2017

Easter 2  
1 Peter  
“A Living Hope”

## 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.

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

This is the day that the Lord has made!

*All* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## OPENING SONGS

*Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious* - Thomas Kelly,  
William H. Monk

Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious:  
see the Man of Sorrows now;  
from the fight returned victorious,  
ev'ry knee to him shall bow;  
crown him, crown him,  
crowns become the victor's brow.

Crown the savior! angels, crown him;  
rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
in the seat of pow'r enthrone him,  
while the vault of heaven rings;  
crown him, crown him,  
crown the savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned him,  
mocking thus the savior's claim;  
saints and angels crowd around him,  
own his title, praise his name;  
crown him, crown him,  
spread abroad the victor's fame.

Hark, those bursts of acclamation!  
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station;  
O what joy the sight affords!  
Crown him, crown him,  
King of kings and Lord of lords!

## THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

I keep the Lord always before me;  
*All* **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
**my body also rests secure.**  
For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
**or let your faithful one see the Pit.**  
You show me the path of life.  
**In your presence there is fullness of joy;**  
**in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*from Psalm 16*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

## DOXOLOGY

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!

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*All* Jesus Christ,  
risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.  
We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our hope in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Hear us and help us.

## 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

*I Will Rise* - Tomlin, Reeves, Giglio, Maher

There's a peace I've come to know,  
though my heart and flesh may fail,  
there's an anchor for my soul;  
I can say, "It is well."

*Jesus has overcome,  
and the grave is overwhelmed,  
the victory is won:  
he is risen from the dead.*

*And I will rise when he calls my name;  
no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings,  
before my God, fall on my knees  
and rise, I will rise.*

There's a day that's drawing near,  
when this darkness breaks to light  
and the shadows disappear  
and my faith shall be my eyes.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

*All Must Be Well* - Mary Bowly Peters, Matthew Smith

Through the love of God our savior, all will be well;  
free and changeless is his favor, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,  
all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;  
ours is such a full salvation, all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding,  
fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
steadfast through the Spirit's guiding,  
all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well;  
faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
yes in living or in dying,  
all must be well.

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## **BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION**

*Evan Thomas Doane, Jonah Kuo, Noinin Kuo*

Minister:

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life  
and in the world?

Parents:

**I renounce them.**

Minister:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Parents:

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Minister:

Do you promise to instruct this child 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  
character, and by giving the strong support of God's  
family in fellowship, prayer, and service.

Congregation: **We do.**

*The sacrament of baptism is administered, and 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 Christ 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 Peter 1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel reading: John 20:19-31*

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

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and

yet have come to believe.”<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

“A Living Hope” – The 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.

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

*We Are Not Overcome* – Robert Heiskell, Isaac Wardell

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;  
thieves will steal, the earth will shake.  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
the Lord will give and take away:

*Because of his great love, we are not overcome!  
Because of his great love, we are not overcome!*

Put no trust in the earth,  
in the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
the Lord will make a place for us:

Have no fear for your life;  
turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
the Lord will give all life and breath:

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All* Thank you, Father,  
for feeding us with the feast of your Son  
and strengthening us in the power of your Spirit.  
Help us now, as we rise from your table,  
to go forth into your world in hope and joy  
as agents of your peace,  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
Amen.

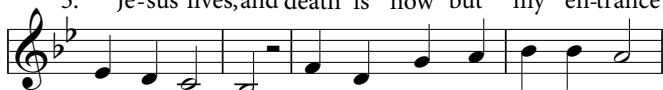
## BLESSING AND SENDING

*Jesus Lives and So Shall I*

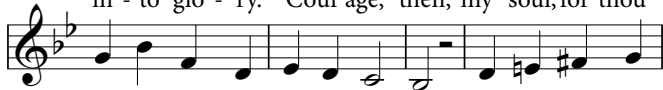
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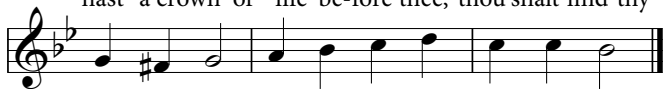
1. Je-sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is
2. Je-sus lives, and reigns su preme, and, his king-dom
3. Je-sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my
4. Je-sus lives, I know full well nought from him my
5. Je-sus lives, and death is now but my en-trance



gone for - e - ver! He whodeigned for me to die,  
still remain - ing, I shall al - so be with him,  
pas sions gi - ving, I will cleanse my heart and ways,  
heart can se - ver, life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,  
in - to glo - ry. Cour age, then, my soul, for thou



lives, the bands of death to se - ver. He shall raise me  
e - ver li - ving, e - ver reigning. God has promised:  
e - ver to his glo - ry li - ving. Me he rai - ses  
joy nor grief, henceforth for e - ver. None of all his  
hast a crown of life be - fore thee; thou shalt find thy



from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
from the dust. Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
saints is lost; Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
hopes were just; Je - sus is the Christian's trust.

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## **BENEDICTION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **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**

Alex Arnold: liturgist

Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Amy Christmas Halteman: clarinet

Jaron Olevsky: bass

Matt Scarano: drums

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