

Sunday October 13, 2019

The Gospel of Mark "Lord of the Storm"

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 5th grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1st – 5th 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

How do men act on a sinking ship? Do they hold each other? Do they pass around the whisky? Do they cry?

-Sebastian Junger, A Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea

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

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

All Amen.

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.

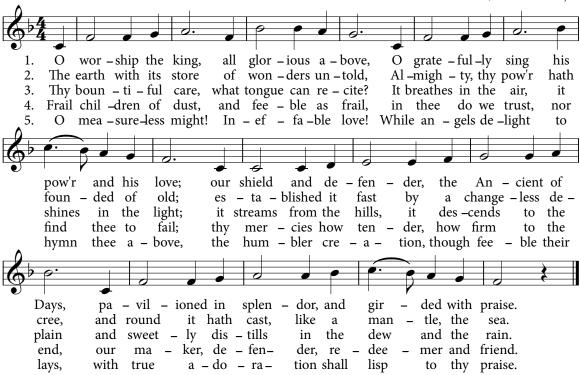
O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

All Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Opening Song

O Worship the King

Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn



Opening of Worship

I called out to the Lord in distress, and he answered me;

All for you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas.

All your waves and your billows passed over me;

then I said, "I am driven away from your sight."

Yet I shall again look upon your holy temple;

even though engulfing waters threaten me.

Weeds wrap about my head at the roots of the mountains,

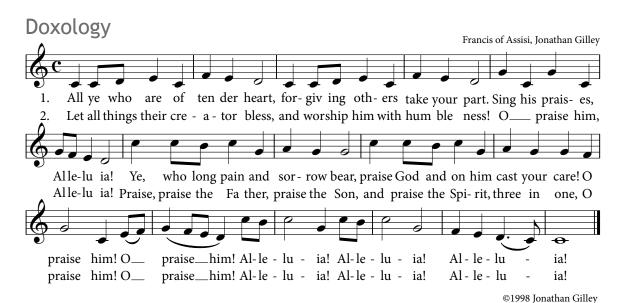
the earth beneath bars me in forever.

But you, Lord my God, bring my life up from the pit.

Salvation belongs to the Lord!

from Jonah 2

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation



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 Merciful God,

we come to you heavy-hearted, in sadness for our sins, and confess our wrongdoing to you.

We do not love you wholeheartedly.

We do not move towards our neighbors with compassion.

We do not delight in your love for us.

Draw our hearts to you, heal us, and forgive us.

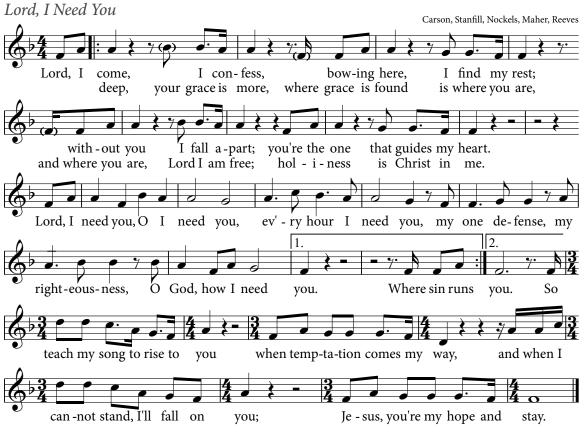
Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

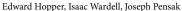
All Amen.

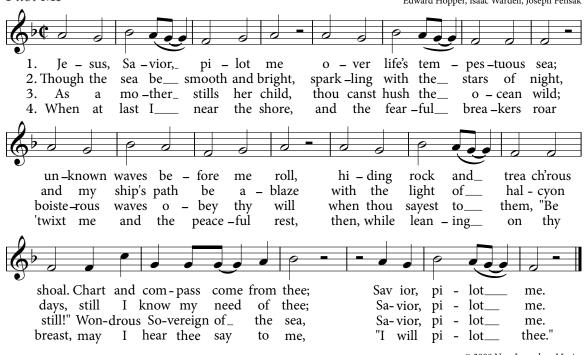
Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving



CCLI #5925687 @worshiptogether.com songs







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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

Old Testament reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; ²⁴they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. ²⁶They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; ²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end. ²⁸Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; ²⁹he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. ³¹Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Mark 4:35-41

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

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He

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.

said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Lord of the Storm" - Rev. Jared Ayers

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

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.

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.

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.

Lord of our doubts, our fears often loom larger than you. Give us courage to walk through them that we might know freedom in your strong arms. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of our chaos, our broken world spirals out of control. Give us courage to move into its darkness, walking in your justice, love, and humility. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of our fears, we pray for our brothers and sisters in deep waters: refugees, the poor, the weak, the lonely, the suffering. As you were to the disciples, be immediately near to them. 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.

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.

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.

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 Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

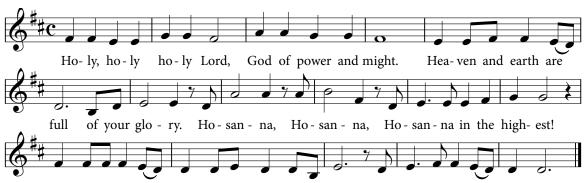
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

Sanctus



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.

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.

We use wine in Communion. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree 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.

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.

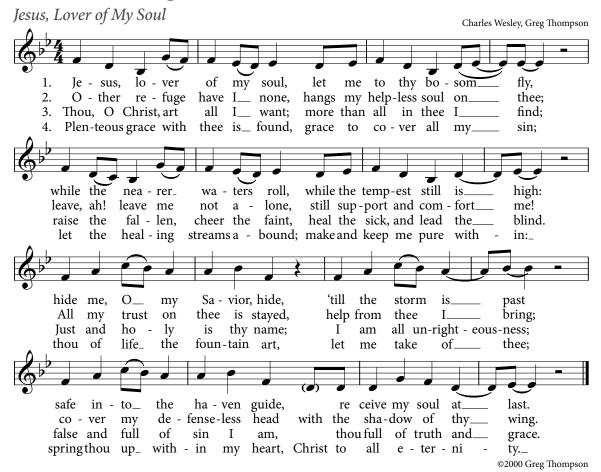
Prayer of belief

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



Prayer after Communion

All We praise you, our God and Father, because you have delivered us from our distress. You satisfied our hunger with the bread of heaven and quenched our thirst with living water. Now let this meal bind us together as one, one with you and one with each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Sending

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we shall meet at last.

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 Christ our Lord, who has conquered our enemies and out of this defeat brings you a new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; 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.

Bethany Danel Brooks: piano, voice

Matt Engle: bass Nick Millevoi: guitar

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

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

Fairmount

- Ringgold & Poplar, Wednesdays 7_{PM}
 Su Jin Kim, splujin@gmail.com
- 22nd & Poplar, Sundays 4_{PM} Bonnie Currie, bonnie.currie@gmail.com

South Philly

 12th & Wharton, Wednesdays 7:30_{PM} Kirstin Peth, kirstin.peth@gmail.com

Roxborough

Tuesdays 6:30_{PM}
 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

Children's Ministry: Parents and Volunteers Meeting on Sunday, October 20 Parents and volunteers are invited to come meet the Children's Ministry team after service next Sunday, October 20! We have some important updates to share. Nursery and Children's Church will be extended through this meeting for children younger than 1st grade. Children 1st grade and up are welcome to join. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Seminar: Navigating Elementary School Choice in the City Public school? Christian school? Another option? How and when should you start the application and enrollment process? Join us for seminar designed to help you with these and other questions, followed by a Q&A panel discussion, on Sunday, November 10 at 9:30 am. We'll explore how families might choose schools that reflect the church's vision of worshiping Christ, building relationships, and pursuing the well-being of our city. Childcare will be provided – please register on the website.

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

Missio Seminary's One-Day Seminar: "Confronting the #MeToo/#ChurchToo Crisis" City Church leadership will be attending Missio Seminary's seminar on the #MeToo/#ChurchToo crisis on Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at their Callowhill campus. There is a \$99 fee for auditing the course. If you'd like to join, please contact Jonathan Davis at jonathan@citychurchphilly.com.

Travel to Israel in 2020 with Dr. Cyndi Parker – Deadline
Approaching! 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

16 Seekers' Group **27** 4th Sunday Prayer

November

9 City Church 101

October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4th Sunday Prayer	Elder Meeting	29	30	31		

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Help us welcome you.

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ildren & their ages:
ındergrad or grad student, school & year:
dress:
one number(s):
pail(s):
ase send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer
ase contact me about:
☐ Community Groups
☐ Neighborhood Service Opportunities
☐ Volunteering on Sundays
☐ Children's & Youth Ministries
☐ Meeting with a Pastor
□ Other:
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.

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