



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday January 22, 2017

God Meets Us
“In Our Struggle”

PREPARATION

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

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

Come, Thou Almighty King - Anonymous, Felice de Giardini

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!

Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.

thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
All and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
But I trust in your unfailing love.

from Psalm 13

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 Father, we confess that we struggle
for our own gain and lose sight of your provision.
We disguise our dishonesty
and overlook injustice
then boast of our success.
Turn our hearts back to you,
our faithful God who acts with love and righteousness.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God who rescued you from slavery,
who strives mightily for your salvation
and whose death has brought you near to him,
forgive your sins, restore your faith,
and keep you forever in his presence.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Come, O Spirit - Isaac Wardell

Come, O Spirit, comfort true; help us by your pleading.
Come and every heart renew; breath of God proceeding.
You alone to God can win us:
Spirit, now work good within us.

All our knowledge, all our sight lies in darkness shrouded.
All our labors wrought in strife hath our judgment clouded.
O consume our wrong desires: Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

Come, our conscience to relieve from each sin remembered.
Come, our Savior's blood to plead; naked we surrender.
Sin hath left a wound revealing:
Spirit, help us with your healing.

All our riches, all our crowns cast we now before thee.
Scales removeth, chains unbound, boldly we implore thee:
as you knit us once together, fasten us to you forever.

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Holy Ground - Evan Mazunik

Brothers, take your sandals off;
you're standing on holy ground.
Listen to the Spirit's voice
and on your face fall down.
For behold: a bush is burning;
inflamed but not consumed!
Brothers, take your sandals off,
for you're standing...on holy ground.

Sisters, take your sandals off;
you're standing on holy ground.
Listen to the Spirit's voice
and on your face fall down.
For behold: a bush is burning;
inflamed but not consumed!
Sisters, take your sandals off,
for you're standing...on holy ground.

Faithful, take your sandals off;
you're standing on holy ground.
Listen to the Spirit's voice
and on your face fall down.
For on every head's descending
a sacred tongue of fire!
Faithful, take your sandals off,
for you're standing...on holy ground.

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BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

John Isaac Featherstone
Ethan Amos Marlowe
Alexander David Brindley

Minister:

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

Candidates and Parents:

I renounce them.

Minister:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates and Parents:

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Minister (to the parents):

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 him, to teach him to pray; and to
train him 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.

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.**

Continued on back...

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

Old Testament reading: Genesis 32:22-32

²²The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 26:36-46

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

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

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

“In Our Struggle” – 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.

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

From Depths of Woe - Martin Luther, Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe
I raise to thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
if thou iniquities dost mark,
our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before thee (who shall stand before thee)?
To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
no man can glory in thy sight,
all must alike confess thy might,
and live alone by mercy (live alone by mercy).

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
and not in mine own merit;
on him my soul shall rest,
his word upholds my fainting spirit;
his promised mercy is my fort,
my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (wait for it with patience).

What though I wait the live-long night,
and 'til the dawn appeareth,
my heart still trusteth in his might;
it doubteth not nor feareth;
do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
and wait 'til God appeareth (wait 'til God appeareth).

Though great our sins
and sore our woes his grace much more aboundeth;
his helping love no limit knows,
our utmost need it soundeth.
Our shepherd good and true is he,
who will at last his Israel free
from all their sin and sorrow (all their sin and sorrow).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Lord Jesus, we remember you in this meal:
it is a sign that you remember us,
that you yourself know the struggles we face
living in our own bodies, in our own stories,
because you struggled too.
So like you we long for the day
when you will feast with us in joy.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

What Wondrous Love Is This - author unknown

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great 'I Am';
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity, I'll sing on.

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.

Jonathan Davis: liturgist
Jedidiah Slaboda: celebrant

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

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