



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Galatians: The Gift of Christ
“Freedom to Love”

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PREPARATION

May we, with all our heart and mind and strength
seek your face, O God,
and by your infinite mercy
be led into your holy presence.

All Amen.

A period of 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

Holy God, We Praise Your Name - *Te Deum*, Ignaz Franz,
Katholisches Gesangbuch

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

Lo! the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

I will bless the Lord at all times;

All his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

from Psalm 34

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!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against one another,
in thought, word and deed.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to bear your sins,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Jesus, All for Jesus - Jennifer Atkinson, Robin Mark

Jesus, all for Jesus,
all I am and have and ever hope to be. (repeat)

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into your hands. *(repeat)*

For it's only in your will that I am free,
for it's only in your will that I am free.

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Come Down, O Love Divine - *Bianco of Siena*, trans. Littledale;
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

West Philly: Elon Dougherty
Fairmount: Ava Johnson

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 *him/her*, to teach *him/her* to pray;
and to train *him/her* 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.

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

New Testament reading: Galatians 5:2-15

²Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. ⁴You who want to be justified by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love. ⁷You were running well; who prevented you from obeying the truth? ⁸Such persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹A little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough. ¹⁰I am confident about you in the Lord that you will not think otherwise. But whoever it is that is confusing you will pay the penalty. ¹¹But my friends, why am I still being persecuted if I am still preaching circumcision? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹²I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves! ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 15:12-17

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Freedom to Love” – 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

Wood and Nails

Keith Watts, Isaac Wardell, Madison Cunningham



1. O humble carpenter, down on your hands and knees,
2. O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face,



look on your handiwork and build a house so you may
oh build a table that I too may join you in the



dwell in me, so you may dwell in me.
Father's place, oh in the Father's place!



(1,2) The work was done with nothing but
The kingdom's come and built up on
The dead will rise and give you praise:
The curse is done, the battle won,



wood and nails in your scarborne hands.
wood and nails gripped with joyful-ness,
wood and nails will not hold them down!
swords bent down in - to plow - shares,



O show me how to work and praise
so send me out with - in your ways,
These wood-en tombs, we'll break them soon
your scarborne hands, we'll join with them,



trust - ing that I am your in - strument.
know - ing that the task is fin - ished.
and fash ion them in - to flow - er beds.
serv - ing at the table you've pre pared.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Lord of heaven,
in this meal you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

For All the Saints - William Walsham How, Christopher Miner

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Allelu!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Allelu!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Allelu!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the king of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Allelu!

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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.

West Philly

Candy Cason: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Rachel Allison: voice
Daniel Levine: trumpet
Christopher McDonald:
keyboards, voice

Fairmount

Arlene Navarro: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Daniel Levine: trumpet
Christopher McDonald:
keyboards, voice

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