



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Galatians: The Gift of Christ
“The Flesh & the Spirit”

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PREPARATION

Ground us, we pray, and settle us in your truth
by sending your Holy Spirit into our hearts.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy - J.B. Dykes, P. McFarland

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare your praise.

from Psalm 51

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 Lord of grace and truth, we confess
our unworthiness to be called your children.
We have failed to walk in love, patience, and self-control.
We have given way to impurity, selfishness, and strife.
In your mercy, forgive us.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Jesus, I Come - William Sleeper, Greg Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health,
out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love,
out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come - Benjamin Beddome, E.J. King

Come, Holy Spirit, come with energy divine,
and on this poor, benighted soul with beams of mercy shine.

Melt, melt this frozen heart; this stubborn will subdue;
each evil passion overcome, and form me all anew.

Mine will the profit be, but thine shall be the praise;
and unto thee will I devote the remnant of my days.

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 5:16-26

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 6:53-63

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Flesh & the Spirit” – 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.

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.

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.

Almighty God,
please make us a people of
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Christ,
we pray for your church around the world,
especially in places of danger, hunger,
temptation, and persecution.
Please protect and provide
and cause your people to bless the world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of God,
please breathe your life into our city.
Bring justice where there is oppression,
peace where there is strife,
generosity where there is selfishness,
and healing where there is brokenness.
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.

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.**

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

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart - George Croly,
Karl Digerness

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet-ecstasies;
no sudden rending of the veil of clay;
no angel vision, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King?
All thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind;
I see thy cross there teach me to cling;
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
The presence of thy descended dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All Lord Jesus, we thank you for
feeding us with your body and blood
and speaking to us the words
that are Spirit and life.
Strengthen us to live by your Spirit
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior - K. Wilkinson,
A.C. Barham-Gould

May the mind of Christ, my savior,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God, my father,
rule my life in ev'rything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self-forgetting,
this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me,
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only him.

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

Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant
Jonathan Davis: liturgist

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Matt Scarano: drums
Andrew Warren: bass

Fairmount

Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant
Mae Trieu: liturgist

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Matt Scarano: drums
Andrew Warren: bass

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