



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Sunday February 4, 2018

Jonah

“The Reluctant Judge”

## PRELUDE

### 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.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

*All* Let us sing joyful songs of praise!

### OPENING SONG

*O Lord of Light Who Made the Stars*

O Lord of Light, who made the stars,  
O dawn, by whom we see the way,  
O Christ, redeemer of the world,  
make haste to listen as we pray.

In lowliness you came on earth,  
to rescue us from Satan's snares.  
O wondrous Love, you healed our wounds  
by taking on our mortal cares.

Lord, now you reign, the King of kings,  
adorned in heav'nly majesty.  
Your holy name is held in awe  
from pole to pole and sea to sea.

Lord, come assert your kingdom here  
in all those whom you call your own.  
We joyously invite you, Lord,  
build in our hearts your kingly throne.

To God the Father and the Son,  
for ages of eternal days,  
together with the Spirit be  
all glory, honor, might and praise.

### OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
*All* call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them return to the Lord,  
that he may have mercy on them;  
let them return to our God,  
for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

*from Isaiah 55*

## 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* Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
we confess to you with our whole heart  
our neglect of your commandments,  
our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking:  
the hurts we have done to others,  
and the good we have left undone.  
O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you,  
and raise us to newness of life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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

*Come As You Are* - Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been;  
come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel;  
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home, you're not too far;  
so lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed;  
come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures;  
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

There's joy for the morning, O sinner, be still,  
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

## O Taste and See

Psalm 34:8, R. Vaughan Williams

*Solo*  
O, taste and see how gra-cious the Lord is: blest—  
*All*  
— is the man that trust-eth in him. O, taste and  
see how gra-cious the Lord is: blest— is the  
*Solo*  
man that trust-eth in him. Blest— is the man that  
*All*  
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## 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: Jonah 3:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.

<sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water.

<sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel reading: Luke 15:1-10*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

*“The Reluctant Judge”* – 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.*

## **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.*

Heavenly Father, grant us grace to lead a life worthy  
of the calling to which you have called us in your Son:  
to bear with one another in humble love  
in the unity of your Holy Spirit.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, risen King of the world,  
rule over us in justice and mercy;  
bring an end to violence and hatred on earth,  
and establish your kingdom of peace.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of compassion and strength,  
heal our broken hearts, bodies, and relationships.  
Renew us in your presence,  
and make us instruments of your life and love.

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

*Nothing but the Blood of Jesus* - Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught for good that I have done,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have brought us near and fed us  
at the table of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING AND SENDING

*Have Mercy on Me* - David Gungor, Latifah Alattas,  
Madison Cunningham

The goodness of the Lord is the kindness of the Lord  
with every breath we take, the gift of life and grace;  
the power of the Lord is the meekness of the Lord  
who bore humanity with brave humility:

*Let your mercy flow through us,  
your mercy, your mercy. (repeat)*

The beauty of the Lord is the suffering of the Lord,  
is Christ upon a tree, stripped of dignity,  
the glory of the Lord is the mercy of the Lord,  
gives life for us to see a new humanity:

*Let your mercy flow through us...*

When they see us, may they see  
your mercy, your mercy.  
When they know us, may they know  
your mercy, your mercy.

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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

Julia Snyder: liturgist  
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
Matt Engle: bass  
Veronica Jurkiewicz:  
violin, voice

#### Fairmount

Katie Davis: liturgist  
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
Matt Engle: bass  
Lee Jeon: violin, voice

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