



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Sunday May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
The Creed: What Christians Believe  
“He Rose from the Dead”

## PREPARATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

*All* Let us sing joyful songs of praise!

## OPENING SONG

*O Spirit of the Living God* - Henry Tweedy, Audrey Assad

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power,  
with righteousness and peace  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,  
and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow  
until our minds are free  
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,  
which blind our eyes to thee.  
Burn, wingéd fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal  
to preach to all thy great good news,  
God's glorious commonweal.

So shall we know the power of Christ,  
who came this world to save.  
So shall we rise with him to life  
which soars beyond the grave.  
And earth shall win true holiness  
which makes thy children whole  
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.

## OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

*All* I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.  
You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*from Psalm 16*

## 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 and most merciful Father,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed,  
in what we have done and left undone.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord.  
Restore those who are penitent  
according to your promises  
declared in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
to the glory of your holy Name.  
Amen.

## **WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins  
and restore you in his image,  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

## **SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

*He Is Given* - Isaac Wardell

Here is the fire and the wood  
but where is the sacrifice?  
Here in the place of our sin,  
he will himself provide.  
He is given, he is given. (*repeat*)

Here is the King of the Jews  
but what is this mournful sight?  
Here, see the shape of our sin  
flow from his pierced side.  
He is stricken, he is stricken. (*repeat*)

Here is the stone from the tomb  
but where does his body lie?  
Here he has conquered our sin  
and has gone up on high!  
He is risen, he is risen. (*repeat*)

Alleluia...

*Christ Is Risen* - Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes

Let no one caught in sin remain  
inside the lie of inward shame.  
We fix our eyes upon the cross  
and run to him who showed great love  
and bled for us, freely you bled for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death.  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!  
Christ is risen from the dead; we are one with Him again.  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!*

Beneath the weight of all our sin,  
you bowed to none but heaven's will.  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
no burden great can hold you down.  
In strength you reign; forever let your church proclaim:

*Christ is risen from the dead...*

O, death, where is your sting?  
O, hell, where is your victory?  
O, church, come stand in the light.  
The glory of God has defeated the night.  
O, death, where is your sting?  
O, hell, where is your victory?  
O, church, come stand in the light.  
Our God is not dead; he's alive, he's alive!

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## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All And also with you. Alleluia!**

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:* 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, 12-20

<sup>1</sup>Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,<sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

<sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has

not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel reading:* Luke 24:36-43

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

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

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?’ <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

*“He Rose from the Dead”* – 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](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.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Chorale prelude, BWV 728* - J.S. Bach

## **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

Almighty Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above  
and be renewed in the image and glory of our Creator.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is seated above all power and dominion:  
teach nations to walk in the way of peace  
and rulers to seek after mercy and justice,  
that the poor might be satisfied with good things  
and wars might cease from the face of the earth.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

*All* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Most Holy Spirit of God,  
who gives light and life to your people:  
may your presence abide among all your saints.  
Comfort all who are afflicted  
and weighed down with sorrow;  
heal all those who suffer in body or in soul;  
and grant faith to all who are tried by tribulations.  
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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

*All* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*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

*My Hope Rests Firm* - Keith Getty, Richard Creighton

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, he is my only plea.

Though all the world should point and scorn,

his ransom leaves me free; his ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive and strain towards the goal;

though still I stumble into sin,

his death paid for it all; his death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur to help me run this race:

I know my tears will turn to joy

the day I see his face; the day I see his face.

My hope is to be with my Lord, to know as I am known;

to serve him gladly all my days

in praise before his throne; in praise before his throne.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All* Lord of all life and power,

who through the mighty resurrection of your Son

overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him:

grant that we, being dead to sin

and alive to you in Jesus Christ,

may reign with him in glory,

now and in all eternity.

## BLESSING AND SENDING

### *Jesus Lives and So Shall I*

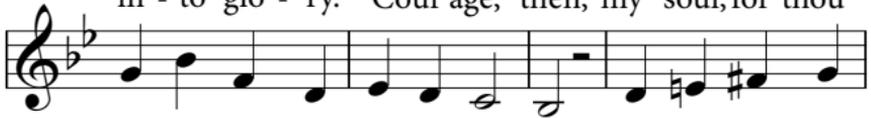
Johann Crüger, Christian Gellert



1. Je-sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is
2. Je-sus lives, and reigns su preme, and, his king-dom
3. Je-sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my
4. Je-sus lives, I know full well nought from him my
5. Je-sus lives, and death is now but my en-trance



gone for - e - ver! He whodeigned for me to die,  
still remain - ing, I shall al - so be with him,  
pas sions gi - ving, I will cleanse my heart and ways,  
heart can se - ver, life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,  
in - to glo - ry. Cour age, then, my soul, for thou



lives, the bands of death to se - ver. He shall raise me  
e - ver li - ving, e - ver reign ing. God has promised:  
e - ver to his glo - ry li - ving. Me he rai - ses  
joy nor grief, henceforth for e - ver. None of all his  
hast a crown of life be - fore thee; thou shalt find thy



from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
from the dust. Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
saints is lost; Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
hopes were just; Je - sus is the Christian's trust.

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## BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

### West Philly

Stacy Bartholomew: liturgist

Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Tom Kraines: cello

Joshua Stamper: guitar

### Fairmount

Arlene Navarro: liturgist

Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Tom Kraines: cello

Joshua Stamper: guitar

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