



City Church  
PHILADELPHIA

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**LIBERTI**  


Sunday November 1, 2020  
All Saints

Wilderness & Wisdom: The Book of Numbers  
“Refusal in the Wilderness”

# Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship. City Church and Liberti Center City are partnering to offer this worship service and other online points of gathering during this season of physical distancing.

Our worship is “liturgical.” The Greek word “leitourgia” means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God’s call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our websites, [www.citychurchphilly.com](http://www.citychurchphilly.com) and [www.libertichurch.org](http://www.libertichurch.org), for more information about worship, help, and connecting during this season. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff  
*Tuck Bartholomew, Chris Currie, Scott Jennings*

## Reflection

Our response to the problem of evil has been to posit the cross and resurrection as God's answer to the question. We do not worship a God who sits apart, but who enters human pain and redeems it from within. The Christian is not given a series of deductive proofs that solve the problem of evil to our satisfaction. We are given an act of love that woos us.

- Esau McCaulley, *Reading While Black*

## Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

**ORDINARY TIME**

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

# Welcome

- Rev. Chris Currie

## Opening Song

*For All the Saints*

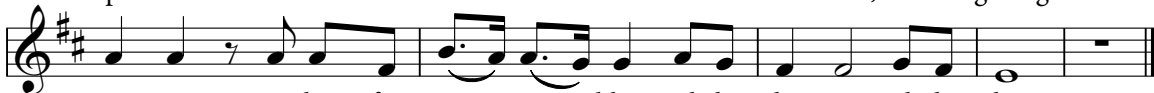
William Walsham How, Christopher Miner



1. For all the saints\_\_\_ who from their la - bors rest, who thee by
2. Thou wast their rock,\_\_\_ their for - tress, and their might, thou, Lord, their
3. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the\_\_ west,\_\_\_ soon, soon to\_\_
4. But lo! there breaks\_\_ a yet more glo - rious day; the saints tri -
5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through gates of\_\_



faith\_\_\_ be - fore the\_\_ world con - fessed, thy name, O  
Cap - tain in the\_\_ well - fought\_ fight,\_\_\_ thou in the  
faith - ful war riors\_ comes their\_\_\_ rest,\_\_\_ sweet is the  
um - phant rise in\_\_\_ bright ar - ray; the King of  
pearl\_\_\_ streams in the\_\_ count - less\_\_\_ host, sing - ing to



Je - sus, be for - ev - er\_\_\_ blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.  
dark - ness drear, their one\_ true light. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.  
calm\_\_\_ of par - a - dise the\_ blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.  
glo - ry pass - es on\_ his\_ way. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly\_\_\_ Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

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## Opening of Worship

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.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;  
**All O Lord, make haste to help me.**  
 Let all those be put to shame and confusion  
**who seek to snatch away my life;**  
 let those be turned back and brought to dishonor  
**who desire my hurt.**  
 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
**may those who love your salvation say continually,**  
**"Great is the Lord!"**  
 As for me, I am poor and needy,  
**but the Lord takes thought for me.**  
 You are my help and my deliverer;  
**do not delay, O my God.**

*from Psalm 40*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### Doxology

Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley

1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,  
 2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O\_\_ praise him,

Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O  
 Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi- rit, three in one, O

praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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# Baptism

*Christian Cho, Josephine Salvitti*

Minister (to the parents):

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

Parents:

**I renounce them.**

Minister (to the parents):

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Parents:

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Minister (to the parents):

Do you promise to instruct these children in the truth  
of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus  
Christ; to pray for them, to teach them to pray; and to  
train them 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, and 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.

## The Word of God

*Old Testament reading:* Numbers 20:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, "Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the adversity that has befallen us: <sup>15</sup>how our ancestors went down to Egypt, and we lived in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians oppressed us and our ancestors; <sup>16</sup>and when we cried to the Lord, he heard our voice, and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt; and here we are in Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory. <sup>17</sup>Now let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, or drink water from any well; we will go along the King's Highway, not turning aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory." <sup>18</sup>But Edom said to him, "You shall not pass through, or we will come out with the sword against you." <sup>19</sup>The Israelites said to him, "We will stay on the highway; and if we drink of your water, we and our livestock, then we will pay for it. It is only a small matter; just let us pass through on foot." <sup>20</sup>But he said, "You shall not pass through." And Edom came out against them with a large force, heavily armed. <sup>21</sup>Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through their territory; so Israel turned away from them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

GOD SPEAKS TO US  
IN HIS WORD

*In the public reading  
of the word of God  
and its exposition  
in the sermon, God  
shares the story of  
his saving mission in  
Jesus, encouraging us  
to join in that mission  
and orienting us  
again to his priorities.*

*Gospel reading:* Luke 9:51-56

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

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

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Reflection

*"Refusal in the Wilderness"* – Rev. Chris Currie

## Offering and Presentation of Gifts

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# Offertory Song

## All Ye Refugees

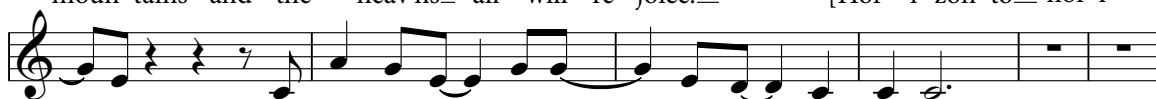
Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, Flo Paris



1. I am the One, the earth is my hand made work, the
2. O re - fu gee, I did not cast you out. In
3. Go out in joy and join the great pro - ces - sion. The



skies, I laid them wide, beau-ty un furred. Hor - i-zon to hor-i -  
death and bro - ken ground, Sal - va - tion springs. My bo-dy and my blood,  
moun-tains and the heav'ns all will re-joyce. [Hor - i-zon to hor-i -



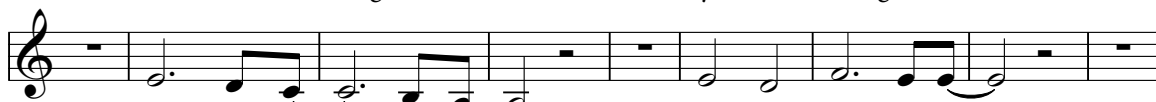
zon, cre - a - tion to cre-a - tion sings you home.  
the heal-ing that you need, come and re - ceive.  
zon, cre - a - tion to cre-a - tion] with one voice.

*repeat this phrase in verse 3*

FINE



Wel-come home, gath-er round, all ye re - fu - gees, come in.



Watch and wait and see what is yet to be.

D.C.



Watch and wait and see for the mor - ning.

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GOD SANCTIFIES US  
TO HIMSELF

*Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.*

## Confession of Sin

**All** Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world, and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.  
We belong to a people who are full and satisfied  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid.  
We have not loved you with all our heart  
nor our neighbors as ourselves.  
Lord, be merciful;  
forgive us our sin.

*Silence is kept.*

## Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## 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.

# 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

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you. In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, forever praising you and singing:

GOD STRENGTHENS US  
AT HIS TABLE

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

## Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est!  
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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*The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

*The minister 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.

## Prayer after Communion

**All** God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Blessing and Sending

## *All Must Be Well*

Mary Bowly Peters, Matthew Smith



1. Through the love of God our Sa - vior, all will be\_\_\_ well;
2. Though we pass through tri - bu - la - tion, all will be\_\_\_ well;
3. We ex - pect a bright to - mor - row, all will be\_\_\_ well;



free and change - less is his fa - vor, all\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ well.  
ours is such a full sal - va - tion, all\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ well.  
faith can sing through days of sor - row, all\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ well.



Pre-cious is the blood that healed us, per-fect is the grace that  
Hap-py still in God con - fi - ding, fruit-ful if in Christ a -  
On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev' - ry need sup -



sealed us, strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be\_\_\_ well.  
bi - ding, stead-fast through the Spi - rit's guid - ing, all must be\_\_\_ well.  
ply - ing, yes in li - ving or in dy - ing, all must be\_\_\_ well.

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## Benediction

May God,  
who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,  
give you grace  
to share the inheritance of the saints in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

*All* Amen.

## Dismissal

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

*All* Thanks be to God.

## Announcements

- **Communion Service & Campfire Today** at S. Georges Hill in Fairmount Park, 2-4 pm. BYO s'mores supplies!
- **Join us this week in Rhythms of Renewal** as we cultivate the virtue of peace through the practice of forgiveness. Read more at [citychurchphilly.com/rhythms](http://citychurchphilly.com/rhythms) or [libertichurch.org/rhythms](http://libertichurch.org/rhythms)

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Deb Covert: voice

Jon Covert: guitar

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

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