



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday March 12, 2017

Lent 2

Encounters with Jesus
“Jesus & the Thirsty”

PREPARATION

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

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 praise the Lord with me;

All Let us exalt God's name together.

OPENING SONG

Come, Thou Almighty King - Anonymous, Felice de Giardini

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!

Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.

thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

O God, you are my God,

All earnestly I seek you,

my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

from Psalm 63

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of heaven and earth, in our longing
we turn from you, fount of living water.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We drink from our own broken wells,
from fountains that are dry and lifeless.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Through your Son, draw us back to yourself,
once again taste and see that you are good.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Have Mercy - Sandra McCracken, Thad Cockrell

Have mercy on me, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy.

O, help my unbelief, O help my unbelief.
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy.

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In Christ Alone - Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid -
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
'til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 4:7-26

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your hus-

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band. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.”²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.”²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.”²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Jesus and the Thirsty” – 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.

Father of all mercies,
help us to remain confident in your promise of life –
as those who walk now by faith and not by sight.
Lead us to hunger and thirst after you, Jesus, fount of life,
knowing that you will never drive us away.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of the nations,
we pray for leaders of nations
to strive for justice and peace,
that all who suffer oppression or violence
might be delivered
and that your church
might freely minister reconciliation.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of all compassion,
grant comfort and restore all who suffer,
all those who groan under their burden.
Grant that they may know the power of your risen life.
Make us willing agents of your compassion
and strengthen us to minister your wholeness to others.

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

Come to the Water - John Foley, Matt Maher

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water,
and let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord
without money, without price;
why should you pay the price
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water,
and let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord
without money, without strife;
why should you spend your life
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water,
and let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord.
All who labor without rest,
how can your soul find rest
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord.
Bring the children without might;
easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All God of our pilgrimage,
you feed us with the bread and wine of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Bernard of Clairvaux, Brian T. Murphy



1. Je - sus, thou joy of lo - ving hearts, thou
2. Thy truth unchanged hath e - ver stood; thou
3. We taste of thee, O li - ving bread, and
4. Our rest less spir - its yearn for thee, where
5. O Je - sus, e - ver with us stay, make



fount of life, thou light of men,
sav - est those that on thee call;
long to feast up - on thee still;
e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
all our mo - ments calm and bright;



from the best bliss that earth im - parts, we
to them that seek thee thou art good, to
we drink of thee, the foun - tain - head, and
glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blessed
chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed



turn, un - filled, to thee a - gain.
them that find thee all in all.
thirst our souls from thee to fill.
when our faith can hold thee fast.
o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

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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

Chris Currie: celebrant
Jonathan Davis: liturgist

Mark Allen: woodwinds
Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Matt Goldsborough: bass
Matt Scarano: drums

Fairmount

Chris Currie: celebrant
Jenn Cho: liturgist

Mark Allen: woodwinds
Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Matt Goldsborough: bass

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