



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday October 24, 2021

Ephesians: The Spiritual Church
“THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH”

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout the bulletin.

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 website resurrectionphl.org for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Reflection

The struggle to be a faithful church is real - especially when the church is planted in a modern-day Babylon. But the possibility to be a faithful church is real too, and I believe in the possibility of a faithful church with all my heart. My life-defining faith in Jesus Christ not only *includes* faith in the church but *requires* faith in the church. For Jesus Christ himself said that he is the one building his church and that the gates of hell and death will not prevail against it.

-Brian Zahnd, *Postcards from Babylon*

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

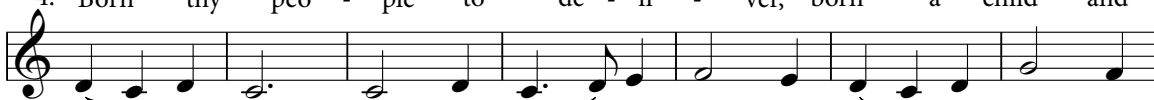
Opening Song

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

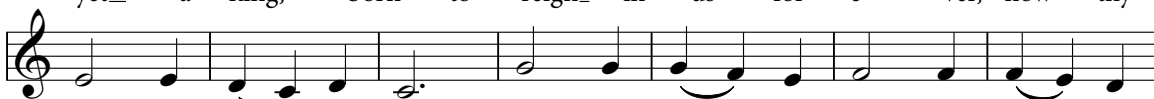
Charles Wesley, Rowland Pritchard



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Joy to those_ who long to see_ thee, Day - spring from on
3. Come to earth_ to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and



peo - ple free; from our fears_ and sins re - lease us; let us
high, ap - pear; come, thou pro - mised Rod of Jes - se, of thy
knew no end; by his life_ he brings us glad - ness, our Re -
yet_ a king, born to reign_ in us for - e - ver, now thy



find our rest_ in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
birth we long to hear! O'er the hills_ the an - gels sing - ing
dee - mer, Shep - herd, Friend. Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber,
gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own_ e - ter - nal Spi - rit



hope of all_ the earth thou art, dear_ De - sire_ of
news, glad ti - dings of_ a birth; "Go_ to him,_ your
born with - in_ a cat - tle stall; this_ the e - ver -
rule in all_ our hearts a - lone; by_ thine all - suf -



ev - ry na - tion, joy of ev - ry long - ing heart.
prai - ses bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
las - ting won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
fi - cient me - rit, raise us to_ thy glo - rious throne.

Opening of Worship

Grace, mercy, and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;

All let those who hate him flee before him.

But let the righteous be joyful;

let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds.

Father of orphans and protector of widows

is God in his holy habitation.

You ascended the high mount,

leading captives in your train

and receiving gifts from people,

even from those who rebel against

the Lord God's abiding there.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

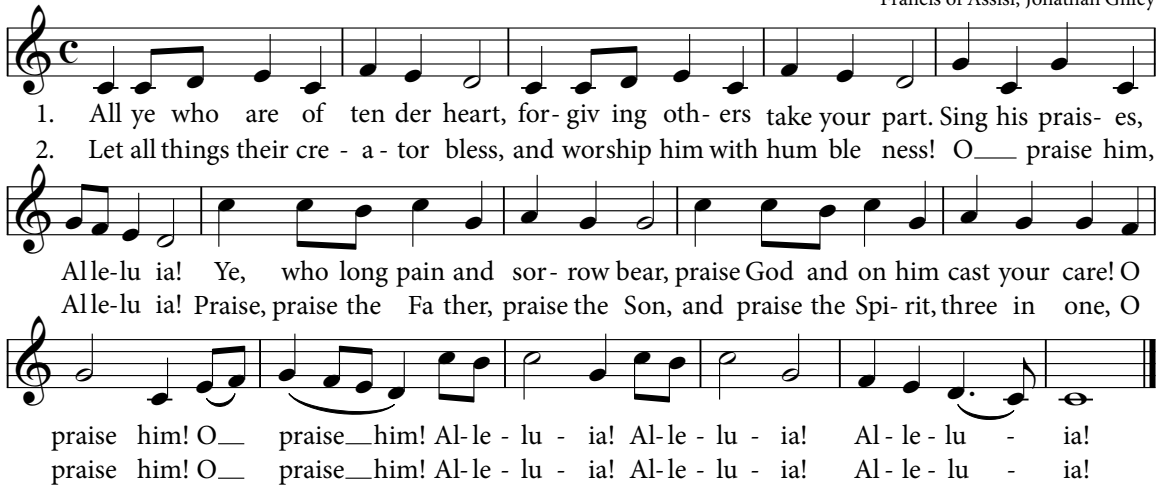
God is our salvation.

from Psalm 68

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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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 Holy God, hear our prayer:
for the mending of our hearts,
torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls,
wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek
for the sin we have allowed to persist;
for the reconciliation of the world,
whose division condemns us.
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that your grace awaits us.

Silence is kept.

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.

Song of Praise and Adoration

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. Irish poem



1. Be thou my_ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my_ wis - dom, and thou my true word; I e - ver
3. Rich - es I_ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
4. High king of_ hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art. Thou my_ best thought, by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my_ great fa - ther,
he - ri - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou_ on - ly,
hea ven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun! Heart of_ my_ own heart, what -



day or by night,_ wa - king or sleep ing, thy_ pre sence my light.
I thy true son;_ thou in me dwell ing, and I with thee one.
first in my heart,_ high king of hea - ven, my trea - sure thou art.
e - ver be - fall,_ still be my vi - sion, O_ rul - er of all.

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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.

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.

The Word of God

New Testament reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped,

as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Mark 9:33-41

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

"The Unity of the Church" – Rev. Chris Currie

*Having offered
ourselves up in faith
through the creed,
affirming the power
of God's redemption,
we lift up the
church, our world,
and other needs to
God in prayer for
his provision and
healing.*

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, you have exalted your Son to your right hand.
We pray for the transformation and empowering
of your people throughout the world,
that we would receive the gifts outpoured by his grace
and grow together as the body of Christ, our head.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Ancient of Days,
you have given your Son all authority in heaven and on earth.
We pray for the healing world he came to redeem.
Grant that we may know even in this time
the things that make for peace
and may strive for the reconciliation of all people
in justice and love.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

O God our Redeemer,
whose Son ever lives to make intercession for us,
hear us as we pray for divine help for those in any kind of need.
May he who has borne our infirmities strengthen and heal them,
that they may know his deliverance
and rejoice in his salvation.
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.

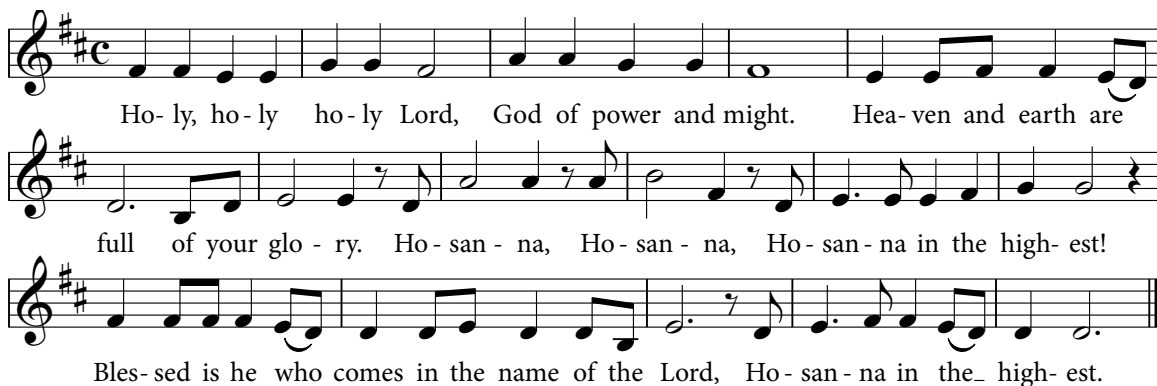
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
For by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you and singing:

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,
forever 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.

Communion Song


Instrument of Peace

Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Jessica Fox, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach

last time to Coda




Lord, make me an in-stru-ment of peace, an in-stru-ment of peace._



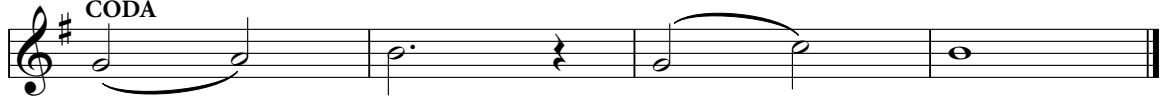
1. Where there is ha-tred, let me sow love. Where there is dark-ness, let me sow light.
2. Where there is sor-row, let me sow hope. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.

D.C. al Coda



For in the gi-ving, we shall re ceive, and in the dy-ing, we're gi-ven life.
Where there is inju-ry, your par-don give, your con-so-la-tion to those in pain.

CODA



A - - men, a - - men.

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Prayer after Communion

All Gracious God, lover of all,
we are one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood
and one in the communion of his Spirit:
help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

We Beseech Thee

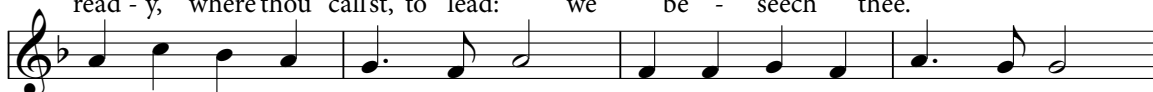
Thomas Pollock, The New Ancients



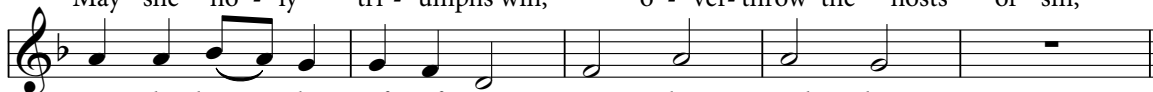
1. Je - sus, with thy church a - bide, be her sa - vior, Lord, and guide,
2. May she one in doc - trine be, one in truth and cha - ri - ty,
3. May her guides thy peo - ple feed, shep herds of the flock in - deed,



while on earth her faith is tried: we be - seech thee.
win ning all_ to faith in thee: we be - seech thee.
read - y, where thou call'st, to lead: we be - seech thee.



All her fet - tered pow'rs re - lease, bid our strife and en - vy cease,
May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear a - loft its light
May she ho - ly tri - umphs win, o - ver - throw the hosts of sin,



grant the hea ven - ly gift of peace: we be - seech thee.
through the realms of dark - est night: we be - seech thee.
ga - ther all_ the na tions in, we be - seech thee.



May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost un til she find,



and the bro - ken hear - ted bind: we be - seech thee.

Benediction

May our Lord make you holy, strong, and faithful,
and may he join you together
with all his people in the bond of peace;
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.

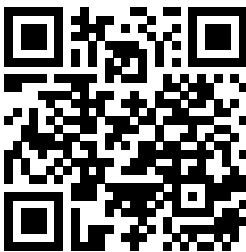
*If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so
at the address below or text any amount to the number 84321.
resurrectionphl.org/give*

Announcements

Eagles Watch Party @ Woodland All are welcome to watch the Eagles vs Raiders on Sunday, October 24 at 4 pm at Woodland (42nd & Pine). Weather permitting, we'll be set up to view the game on the lawn.

Are you a Grad or Post-Grad Student? We're starting a group for anyone in a graduate or post-graduate program. People do not need to attend Resurrection to come, so feel free to invite friends. The first gathering will be November 7. Contact Dr. Cyndi Parker for details: cyndi@resurrectionphl.org

Community Groups Now in Session! We are so thankful for our creative, problem-solving community group leaders who have come up with a variety of ways to help us stay connected to one another and make room for newcomers. From porchfront visits to zoom meetings, there are a host of ways to connect to community in the year ahead. Check out the options on our website (see Community Groups under the Connect header).



Please provide us your feedback
as we together seek to refine our
gathered worship each week.

Musicians

Center City

Sarah Long: guitar, voice
Jeremy McDonald: synth
Paul Arbogast: trombone

West Philly

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice
Rachel Allison: voice
Daniel Levine: trumpet
Dan Blacksberg: trombone
Matt Engle: bass

Liturgist

Center City

Cyndi Parker

West Philly

Kory Stamper

Scripture Reading

Center City

Katie Burrows-Stone

West Philly

Kory Stamper

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

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Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

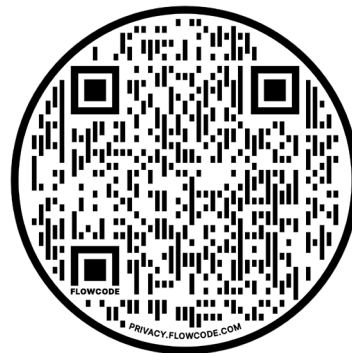
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Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: _____



Prayer Requests

Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.

Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

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