

Sunday October 29, 2023

Exodus: Living the Story of God's Rescue & Re-Creation "MEETING GOD"

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.

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 <u>resurrectionphl.org</u> 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

Sunday Information

- Nursery + Children's Ministry: Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
 - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
 - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
 - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there's a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- Accessibility: A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms**: Men's and Women's restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hou**r: After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation**: Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

Reflection

We gather because Christ gathers us. He said to the people of Jerusalem: "How often would I have gathered you in as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you would not" (Luke 13:34). Often, on a Sunday morning, we may feel a similar reluctance; even thinking of Jesus as a big warm chicken may not be enough to lure us from our nice warm bed. We gather in our local congregation because we are willing to be gathered into the community of faith, which stretches across time and space, from Abraham our father in faith, to the latest baby to be baptized. Faith is the beginning of our acceptance of friendship with God, learning to look at the world lovingly, with gratitude, delighting in its intelligibility.

-Timothy Radcliffe, Why Go to Church?

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 of Worship

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

All And also with you.

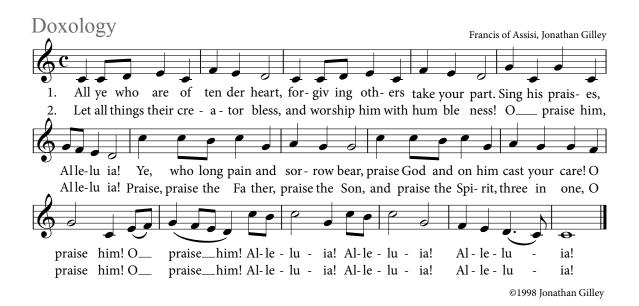
Responsive Reading

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

All let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

from Psalm 97

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving



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 Maker of the world, King eternal, have mercy on us. Fount of boundless pity, have mercy on us. Drive away from us all that is harmful; have mercy on us. Christ, the Light of the world, giver of life, have mercy on us. Look on those wounded by the craft of the devil; have mercy on us. You preserve those who believe in you and you strengthen them; have mercy on us. Be present with us, O Counselor, that we may live in you; have mercy on us.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God our Father forgive you your sins and bring you to the fellowship of his table with his saints forever.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Gerard Moultrie Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and tremb - ling stand; 1. 2. King of kings, yet born of_ of old on earth he___ stood, Ma - ry, as Rank on rank the host of_ hea - ven spreads its van-guard on 3. the_ way, wing'd se - raph, che - ru - bim with sleep - less 4. At his feet the six eye, for with bles-sing in pon-der noth-ing earth - ly___ min - ded, his___ hand. Lord of lords, in and hu - man ves - ture, in the bo - dv the_ blood; as the Light of light des cend - eth from the realms of end - less dav. veil their fa - ces the_ as with cease-less voice to pre- sence, thev cry: σ de eth, our full ho- mage to mand. Christ our God to earth des - cend his own self for heav'n - ly_ food._ ful will give to all the faith he nish as the dark-ness clears а way.___ that the pow'rs of hell may va ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!_ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu

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.

Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.

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.

The Word of God

Old Testament reading: Exodus 19:1-20

¹On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

⁹Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after." When Moses had told the words of the people to the Lord, ¹⁰the Lord said to Moses: "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes ¹¹and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹²You shall set limits for the people all around, saying, 'Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. ¹³No hand shall touch them, but they shall be stoned or shot with arrows; whether animal or human being, they shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain." ¹⁴So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵And he said to the people, "Prepare for the third day; do not go near a woman."

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. ¹⁹As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder. ²⁰When the Lorp descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the Lorp summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 17:1-8

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

"Meeting God" - Rev. Chris Currie

Offertory Come, Holy Spirit, Come - Benjamin Beddome, E.J. King

Come, Holy Spirit, come with energy divine, and on this poor, benighted soul with beams of mercy shine.

Melt, melt this frozen heart; this stubborn will subdue; each evil passion overcome, and form me all anew.

Mine will the profit be, but thine shall be the praise; and unto thee will I devote the remnant of my days,

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The offering is part of our worship together, an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Resurrection. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give— we're grateful simply for your presence here today.



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When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any amount to the number 84321.

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. 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.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here. In peace we make our prayer to you. In trust we confirm our faith in you. Help us to do as you have commanded and to follow where you lead us. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of glory, look with favor on the nations of the world, scarred by hatred, strife, and war. May they be healed by the touch of your hand. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of glory, look with favor on those in need and distress, waiting for the salvation you promise. May the day break, and may Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence. 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.

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.*

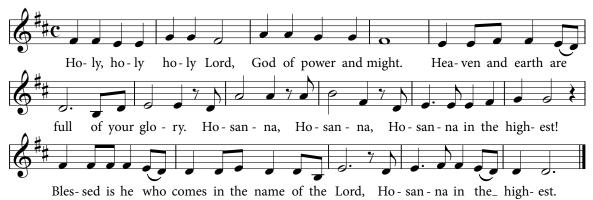
The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks,

because you call us out of darkness into your marvelous light, and by the power of your redeeming love you make us whole, that we may be the first fruits of your new creation. And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus



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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.

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

We use wine in Communion. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship. **Communion Song** How Great Thou Art Stuart K. Hine 0 Lord my God, when awe-some won - der con - si - der 1. Ι in 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the 3. And when think that God, his Son not spa - ring, sent him to Ι 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me the worlds thy hands have I see the stars, I hear the rol - ling all made,___ trees, when I look down from lof - ty moun-tain birds sing sweet - ly in the in,_____ that on the cross, my bur-den glad - ly I scarce can take die. it in hum-ble a - dohome, what joy shall fill my heart!____ Then I shall bow thun - der, thy pow'r through-out u - ni-verse dis - played:_ the gran - deur, and hear and feel the gen - tle the brook breeze: he bled died bear - ing, and to take a - way my sin. ra - tion, and there pro - claim, My God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee:_ How great thou art!_ How great thou art!

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Prayer after Communion

All Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. Amen.

Blessing and Sending

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore



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GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

Benediction

May Christ Jesus,

the splendor of the Father and the image of his being, draw you to himself

that you may live in his light and share his 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.

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness. Musicians Christopher McDonald: piano, voice Sarah Long: voice Dan Blacksberg: trombone Sandy Eldred: bass Pete Angevine: drums Liturgist Paul Burkhart

Scripture Reading Arlene Navarro

Celebrant Rev. Scott Jennings

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CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

CONNECTION GROUPS provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit **resurrectionphl.org/groups** or scan the QR code at right.

FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- Children's Ministry. Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at paul@ resurrectionphl.org.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS During

the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl. org) for more information about these events.



GROW

Resurrection is a community committed to

growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join "Resurrection Rhythms" to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrectionphl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city



Announcements

Do You Get Resurrection News?

If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of resurrectionphl. org, or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Winter Coat Drive for Emmanuel

We're gathering men's and women's gently used winter coats, sweatshirts, hats, and gloves to distribute to community members who take part in the Emmanuel meals (served from our Center City building). Drop items off at the box in Sansom foyer now through November 19.

Exodus Series Resources for Individuals and Groups

Dr. Cyndi Parker has put together resources to help us engage with the book of Exodus and explore our participation in the Great Story we are called into as God's people. You can find week-by-week resources for individuals and groups at resurrectionphl.org/discussion.

Adult + Children's Choirs Now Forming for Christmas

We're forming two choirs to help with music at this year's Lessons and Carols service: one for adults and one for children. If you and/or a child of yours is interested, please email christopher@resurrectionphl.org. Rehearsals will be short and sweet (Children's Choir will rehearse during coffee hour) and will begin in November.

Opportunity to Serve on Sunday Hospitality Team

Are you looking for a way to get more connected at Resurrection? Join our Sunday hospitality team and serve on a once-a-month rotation preparing communion, making coffee and/or greeting and setting out bulletins. Sign up at www. resurrectionphl.org/volunteer-interest!

Eagles Watch Party Today at 1 pm

Come cheer on the Eagles this Sunday at 1 pm at Woodland (42nd/Pine). BYO anything you'd like to have!



November

3-5: Men's Retreat

- 19: West Philly Gathering
- 23: Emmanuel Thanksgiving Breakfast

December

- 10: Lessons & Carols Service, 5 pm (no AM service)
- 24: No AM service; 5 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight service

Help us welcome you.

Name(s):	
Children & their ages:	
If undergrad or grad student, school & year:	
Address:	
Phone number(s):	
Email(s):	
Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer	PT
Please contact me about:	
Community Groups	
Neighborhood Service Opportunities	
□ Volunteering on Sundays	
□ Children's & Youth Ministries	
Meeting with a Pastor	PRIVACY, FLOWCODE.COM
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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