



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday November 7, 2021
All Saints

Ephesians: The Spiritual Church
“BE IMITATORS OF 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. 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

God is continually inviting us to return to conscious awareness of our relationship with the divine and the truth of who we are. Jesus Christ is the clearest revelation of what God is like, and through his death and resurrection, he provides a path for living fully under God's loving reign. As a gift to us, God makes the way and invites us back onto the path; all we have to do is say yes.

-Mark & Lisa Scandrette, *Belonging and Becoming*

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

O Lord of Light

anonymous



1. O Lord of Light, who made the stars, O
2. In low - li - ness you came on earth, to
3. Lord, now you reign, the King of kings, a -
4. Lord, come as - sert your king - dom here in
5. To God the Fa - ther and the Son, for



dawn, by whom we see the way, O Christ, Re - dee - mer of the
re - scue us from Sa - tan's snares. O won - drous Love, you healed our
dorned in heav'n - ly ma - je - sty. Your ho - ly name is held in
all those whom you call your own. We joy - ous - ly in - vite you,
a - ges of e - ter - nal days, to - ge - ther with the Spi - rit



world, make haste to lis - ten as we pray.
wounds by ta - king on our mor - tal cares.
awe from pole to pole and sea to sea.
Lord, build in our hearts your king - ly throne.
be all glo - ry, ho - nor, might and praise.

Opening of Worship

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

All And also with you.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

All And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
**who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

from Psalm 24

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Doxology

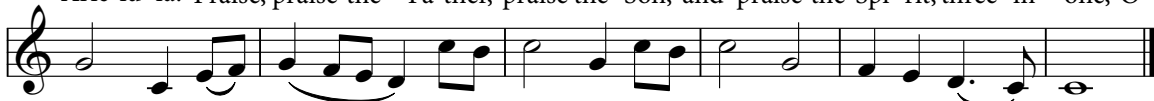
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



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 Father, in following Jesus
we often grow weary and lose heart.
We have fled the shame of the cross
and the discipline that leads to righteousness.
On this All Saints' day, lift our eyes
to the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us.
Let us lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely
and look to Jesus in penitence and faith.

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

Wisdom and Grace

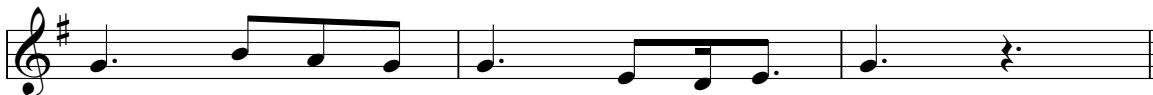
Sandra McCracken



Teach us to num-ber our days that we may ap - ply our hearts to your ways. O, —



teach us to num-ber our days with wis-dom and grace, wis-dom and



grace, wis - dom and grace, wis - dom and grace.



1. You've been our home and our dwell - ing, our place in — all gen - er - a - tions. —

2. Now the span of our life it is made with — sor-row and la - bor. —

3. Let the work of our hands bring you praise, set your fa - vor up - on us.



Be-fore the earth or the moun-tains were formed, Lord, you were God.

As the days pass a - way, like the grass how soon we are gone.

O, es - tab - lish the work of our hands, may your king-dom come.

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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.

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

New Testament reading: Ephesians 5:1b-20

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. ⁵Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be associated with them. ⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 1:9-14, 18

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

"Be Imitators of God" – 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.

We give you thanks
for the whole company of your saints in glory,
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises.
By your grace may we, like them,
be made perfect in your love.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to the world and its peoples
the peace that comes from above,
that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Hold in your embrace the poor and needy;
minister to the sick and dying;
bring light to those in darkness;
and in your mercy, let us join you
in these works of love.
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.

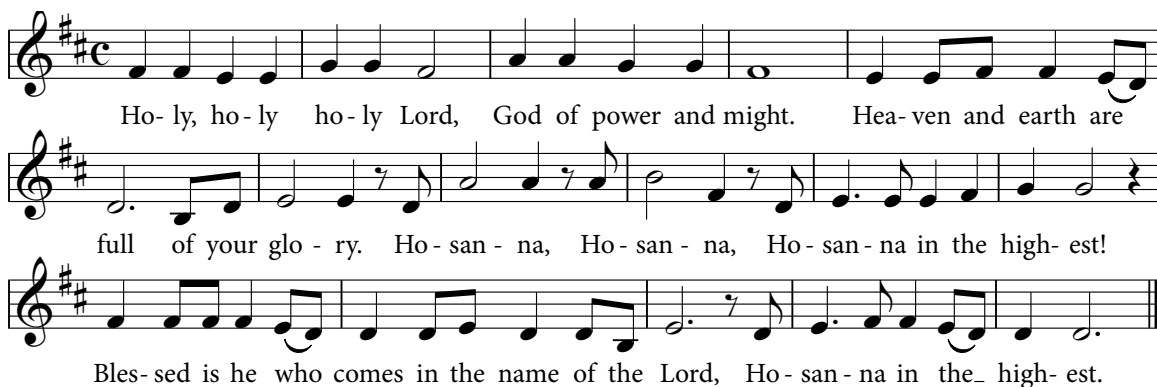
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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:

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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

J. Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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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

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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Benediction

May God,
who kindles the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
strengthen you to walk in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of 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.

*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

The Art of Hard Conversation Workshop | Saturday, November 13, 10-3:30 pm In today's increasingly polarized world, it is critical that we learn the art of managing hard conversations when we disagree with others. In this workshop, we'll hear from:

- Kristyn Komarnicki, director of dialogue and convening at Christians for Social Action, on conversations about sexuality, and
- Dr. John Walton, professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College, on whether science and the Bible are in conflict over origins.

Please help spread the word! Guests from outside our church are welcome. Read more and register at Resurrectionphl.org/conversations

Sign Up to Help Serve Thanksgiving Breakfast We partner with Emmanuel Ministry to serve a Thanksgiving Day breakfast from our Center City building. It's a cherished tradition where we serve a really hearty, home-cooked breakfast to our friends experiencing homelessness and food insecurity – many of whom may not get another meal that day. Sign up through the event link at resurrectionphl.org under connect

Coffee with the Stavas Next Sunday in W Philly Our Global Missions Team is hosting a coffee hour to hear from Patti and Jonas Stavas on Sunday, November 14, before the W Philly service. Join us for coffee and conversation about how God is at work in Norway.

Interested in Joining a Choir for Christmas Service? Christopher McDonald is working on plans for this year's Service of Lessons & Carols, an annual advent tradition (scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 5 pm). If you are vaccinated and interested in joining a choir for the occasion, please contact Christopher at christopher@resurrectionphl.org.

1st and 3rd Sunday Prayer Time in Center City All are welcome to join a prayer time in Center City at 11 am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. These prayer times will take place in the Cry Room behind the Sanctuary.

Grad + Post-Grad Group Meeting Today We're starting a group for anyone in a graduate or post-graduate program. Contact Dr. Cyndi Parker at cyndi@resurrectionphl.org if you'd like to join the group for a future meeting.



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

Musicians

Center City

Joshua Stamper: guitar, voice
Abigail Garbarino: voice, violin
Mark Allen: saxophone
Matt Engle: bass
Mike Szekely: drums

West Philly

Sarah Long: guitar, voice
Becca Booth: voice
Paul Arbogast: trombone
Charlie Muench: bass

Liturgist

Center City

Lindsay Kimball

West Philly

Kory Stamper

Scripture Reading

Center City

Abigail Garbarino

West Philly

Kory Stamper

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

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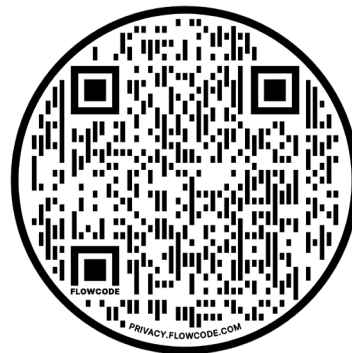
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Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

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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