

Sunday November 19, 2023

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

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 Hour: 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

It is not enough to leave Egypt, one must also enter the Promised Land.

-St. John Chrysostom, 4th Century Archbishop of Constantinople (cited in Thomas Merton, *Contemplative Prayer*)

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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Henry Francis Lyte



- King of heav en, 1. Praise, my soul, the
- grace and 2. Praise him for his fa - vor
- Fa ther-like, he tends and spares
- Frail as sum mer's flow'r we flour ish.
- a dore him: An – gels, help us to
- his feet your trib-ute bring; to fa-thers in dis tress; to our
- well our fee ble frame he knows;

blows the wind and it gone; you be-hold him face to face;



ran somed, healed, re stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing? praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless: in his hands he gent – ly bears us, res – cues us from all our foes; mor - tals rise and per - ish, God but while en dures un chang - ing on. moon, bow down be - fore him, dwel-lers all sun and in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last-ing King. praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo-rious in his faith-ful ness. praise him, praise him, praise him, wide – ly as his mer-cy goes. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter-nal One. praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

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.

Responsive Reading

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

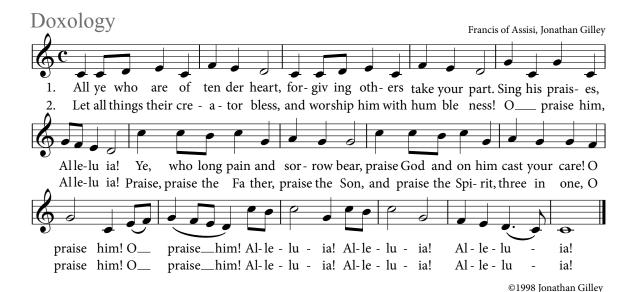
All He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

from Psalm 99

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 Lord God,

we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

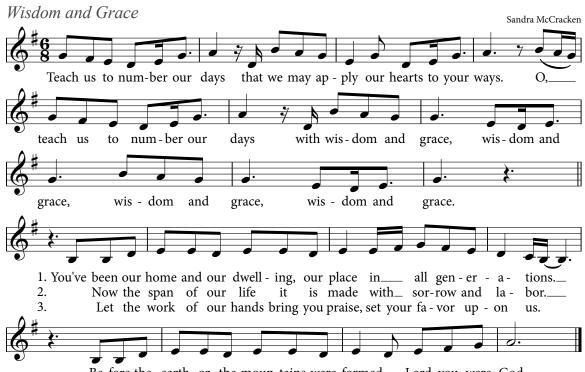
Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration



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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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.

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

Old Testament reading: Exodus 33:1-2, 33:12-34:10

The Lord said to Moses, "Go, leave this place, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, and go to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' 2I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites...

¹²Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." ¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

¹The Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain." ⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

⁵The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The Lord." ⁶The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." ⁸And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. ⁹He said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

¹⁰He said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 14:6-10

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have

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.

seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

"God's Promise Renewed" - Rev. Ryan McCormick

Offertory

Psalm 31 - Christopher McDonald, Benjamin Lazar Davis, Alec Spiegelman, Kristen Slipp, Cole Kamen-Green, David Flaherty

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.

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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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.

Heavenly Father, as your people, we are already citizens of the holy city, the new Jerusalem. We look forward to that day when, like a bride in procession, your holy city will descend from heaven to earth, when all will be made new, and you will dwell among us. Grant us grace to live even now in this hope. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb upon the throne who rules over all the world from beginning to end. Though we do not yet see the healing of the nations, we pray for your healing work among them. Grant grace to our leaders to rule in righteousness, that justice and peace may increase among all peoples. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you will wipe every tear from our eyes. Old things shall pass away, and death will be no more; mourning, crying, and pain will cease in that day. Even now we ask in hope that you might grant comfort, relieve all who suffer in mind, body, or situation, and make your presence known to those who are dying. 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.

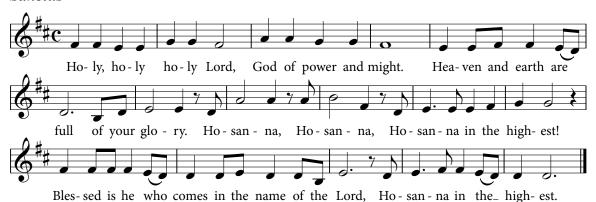
GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

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 *Iesus Christ and with* his people, the church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For in his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. 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.

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and a gluten-free option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

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.

Communion Song



Prayer after Communion

All Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.





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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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you 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.

"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

Abigail Sparrow: voice

Alec Spiegelman: woodwinds

Charlie Muench: bass Chuck Staab: drums

Liturgist

Mae Trieu

Scripture Reading

Christine Yue

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Currie

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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





REDEMPTION HOUSING

















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.

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!

Gathering at Woodland, Today at 4:30 pm All are welcome for a time of fellowship, singing, and communion, followed by a potluck dinner, at Woodland's Kirk Hall (42nd/Pine) today at 4:30 pm.

Opportunities to Serve at Emmanuel Thanksgiving Breakfast We partner with Emmanuel Ministry to serve a Thanksgiving Day breakfast! 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. We've set the shifts so you don't need to miss out on your own family fun. Opportunities both Wednesday and Thursday of Thanksgiving week! Sign up at resurrectionphl.org/emmanuel.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

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

December

- 7: Toddler Free Play
- 10: Lessons & Carols Service,5 pm (no AM service)
- 17: Cookies & Carols at Woodland Annex
- 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 Praye	er (""" '")
Please contact me about:	
 □ Community Groups □ Neighborhood Service Opportunities □ Volunteering on Sundays □ Children's & Youth Ministries □ Meeting with a Pastor □ Other: 	ROWGOSE COM
Prayer Requests Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray months Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.	ly on 4th Sundays.

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