



RESURRECTION  
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday November 28, 2021  
The 1st Sunday of Advent

“HOW LONG, O LORD?”

## 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](http://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

Advent offers wisdom to the wider world. It reminds us that joy is trivialized if we do not first intentionally acknowledge the pain and wreckage of the world.

-Tish Warren, "Want to Get into the Christmas Spirit? Face the Darkness," *NYT* Op-Ed, Nov. 20, 2019

## Church Calendar

### **ADVENT**

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

Advent is a season of hopeful expectation and preparation, as the Church anticipates the coming of Christ – both at his birth in Bethlehem many years ago, and at his future, final coming to judge the world at the end of time. During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Lord, so that when he comes, he may find us watching and waiting.

# Lighting of the Advent Wreath

## Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Opening Song

*Come Light Our Hearts*

Sandra McCracken

For you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait, for you, O Lord, our  
souls in still-ness wait, tru-ly our hope is in you, tru-ly our hope is in you.  
O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, your rad - iance shines on all who  
O Joy a - bove all o - ther loves, in you we find more than e -  
look to you in the dark; Em - ma - nu - el, come, come light our hearts.  
nough. We come as we are, O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.

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## Opening of Worship

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

**All And also with you.**

Now is the time to wake out of sleep,

**All for now our salvation is nearer  
than when we first believed!**

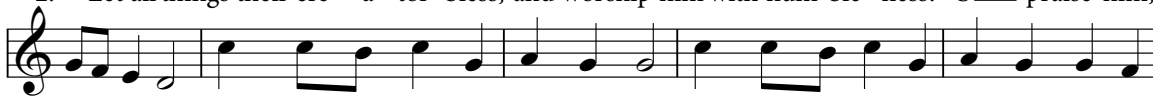
## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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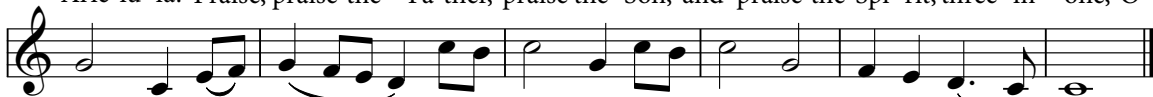
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



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

Heavenly Father,  
you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

# Song of Praise and Adoration

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Gerard Moultrie



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and tremb - ling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard on the way,
4. At his feet the six wing'd se - raph, che - ru - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly min - ded, for with bles - sing in his hand,  
Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture, in the bo - dy and the blood;  
as the Light of light des - cend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fa - ces to the pre - sence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth des - cend - eth, our full ho - mage to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
that the pow'rs of hell may va - nish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!

## 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

*Old Testament reading:* Habakkuk 1:2-11

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>5</sup>Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. <sup>6</sup>For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. <sup>7</sup>Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves. <sup>8</sup>Their horses are swifter than leopards, more menacing than wolves at dusk; their horses charge. Their horsemen come from far away; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. <sup>9</sup>They all come for violence, with faces pressing forward; they gather captives like sand. <sup>10</sup>At kings they scoff, and of rulers they make sport. They laugh at every fortress, and heap up earth to take it. <sup>11</sup>Then they sweep by like the wind; they transgress and become guilty; their own might is their god!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



*Gospel reading:* Luke 21:25-28

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

**All    Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All    Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

*“How Long, O Lord?”* – Dr. Cyndi Parker

## 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.*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people,  
who trust in your love.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Come to your world as King of the nations.  
We pray for an end to violence, destruction, and injustice.  
Before you rulers will stand in silence.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter.  
Break into our lives,  
and the lives of those we love,  
where we struggle with sickness and distress,  
and set us free to serve you forever.

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.**

*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.*

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

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.  
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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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.**



# Blessing and Sending

## How Long

Isaac Wardell



1. How long will you turn your face \_\_\_\_\_ a - way? How long?
2. How long 'til your chil - dren find \_\_\_\_\_ their rest? How long
3. How long 'til your word will still \_\_\_\_\_ the storm? How long
4. How long? Sweet the dawn that ends \_\_\_\_\_ the race. How long?



Do you\_ hear\_ us\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ we pray? On and on,  
'til you draw them to \_\_\_\_\_ your breast? We go on  
'til you bare your migh - ty arm? How we groan  
Weak our hearts but strong \_\_\_\_\_ our legs. Look -ing on:



still we\_ walk this\_ pil - grim way, how long?  
hol - ding to\_ your pro - mi - ses; how long?  
'til you snatch us\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ the thorns; how long?  
great that cloud of\_ wit - nes - ses! How long?



'Til you wipe a-way the tears from ev' - ry eye, 'til we see our home desc -



end -ing from the sky? Do we wait in \_\_\_\_\_ vain? Je sus\_ give us\_ hope\_ a gain.

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## Benediction

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love;  
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](http://resurrectionphl.org/give)*



## Announcements

**Lessons & Carols Service, December 12 at 5 pm** Pick up postcards (see image below) in the back to help you invite friends to this annual event, which we will hold in Center City this year. (Note: in light of Lessons and Carols, there will not be morning worship services on December 12.)

**Opportunities to Serve and Support Ministry Partners** Several organizations we support have shared wishlists and/or volunteer needs with us. See the Resurrection News for details. If you don't receive our emails, sign up at: [resurrectionphl.org/signup](http://resurrectionphl.org/signup).

**Youth Bake Sale Coming Soon** The youth group is hosting a bake sale after each service on December 5. Plan to get something delicious and support the summer youth mission trip.





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

### **Musicians**

#### *Center City*

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

June Bender: violin

Carolina Diazgranados: cello

Nick Millevoi: guitar

#### *West Philly*

Sarah Long: guitar, voice

Tom Kraines: cello

Charlie Muench: bass

### **Liturgist**

#### *Center City*

Andrew Garbarino

#### *West Philly*

Kory Stamper

### **Scripture Reading**

#### *Center City*

Abigail Garbarino

#### *West Philly*

Kory Stamper

### **Celebrant**

Rev. Chris Currie

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# Help us welcome you.

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If undergrad or grad student, school & year: \_\_\_\_\_

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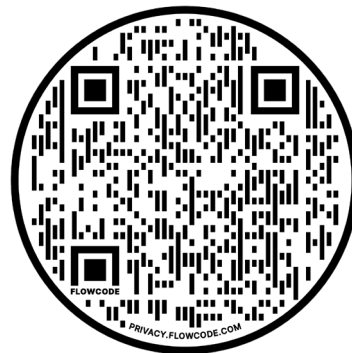
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Please send me:  Weekly Newsletter  Morning & Evening Prayer

## 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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