

Sunday November 5, 2023 All Saints

Exodus: Living the Story of God's Rescue & Re-Creation "GOD'S LAW: A VISION OF RESTORATION"

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

Moses tells us, Jesus tells us, that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Theology should give us some beginning of an idea of what it might mean to satisfy this commandment. A first step, I propose, would be to step back from all other disciplines and categories, to invite a kind of awe at the entire phenomenon of Being that embraces disciplines and categories and error and aspiration and everything they touch, that embraces thought, and error, and the work the mind does in its sleep.

-Marilynne Robinson, "Theology for This Moment," in What Are We Doing Here?

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 Light that Knew No Dawn Gregory of Nazianzus, Bifrost Arts light that knew 1. 0 no___ dawn, that shines to end - less____ we might serve 2. Thy grace, Ο Fa ther,__ give, that in_ That, cleansed from stain 3. of_ sin, we may meet ho mage 4. Thy grace, Ο Fa ther,____ give, we hum - bly thee im day, all things earth and heaven lus - tred are in fear; a bove all else, we pray, grant thy us give; and pure in heart. be hold thy beau - ty _ plore, and let thy mer cy bless thy ser - vants by thy ray; to thy no eye can voice child-ren to_ hear. From sin thy in while live; we_ clean hands in ho ly grace more and___ more. All and glo ry nor mind thy bright-ness hend. throne as - cend, com pre mer - cy free, and let dwell with_ thee. us in light_ wor - ship raise, and thee, Ο Christ our sa vior,_ praise. be to thee, from age nal to age e ter ly. --

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.

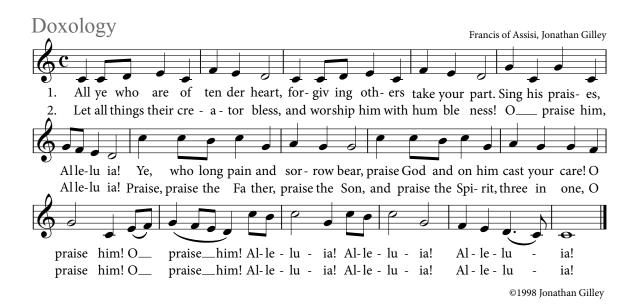
Responsive Reading

I will bless the Lord at all times;

All his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

from Psalm 34

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

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate. Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all, and your mercy is over all your creation. Let us look to Jesus in penitence and faith: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom. Open our eyes to the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept.

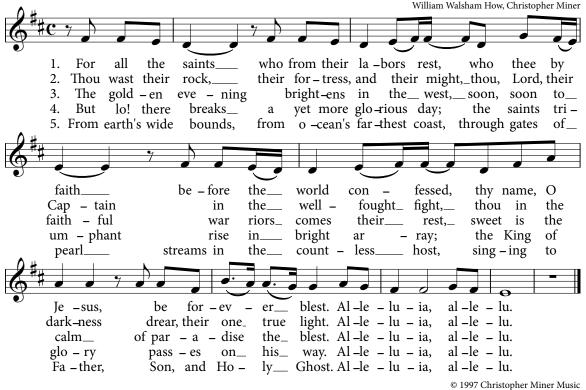
Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

For All the Saints



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 20:1-21

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work-you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." ²¹Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 5:17-20

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

"God's Law: A Vision of Restoration" - Rev. Chris Currie

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. Offertory Your Long Journey - Doc Watson, Rosa Watson © Hillgreen Music, Stormking Music Inc

God's given us years of happiness here; now we must part, and as the angels come and call for you, the pains of grief tug at my heart.

Oh, my darling, my darling, my heart breaks as you take your long journey.

Oh, the days will be empty, the nights so long without you, my love, and when God calls for you, I'm left alone, but we will meet in heaven above.

Fond memories I'll keep of happy ways that on earth we trod, and when I come, we will walk hand in hand as one in heaven, in the family of God.

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.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Unite us in the company of all the faithful as we look for the coming of your kingdom.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain. Raise them from death to life in Christ, and turn their sorrow into eternal joy. 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. Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom of justice and peace. 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.

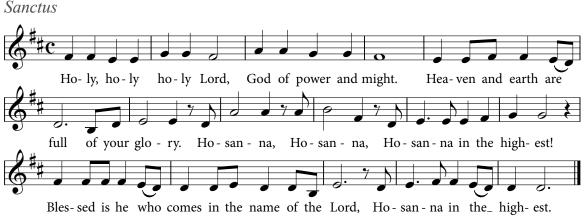
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

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, 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:



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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.

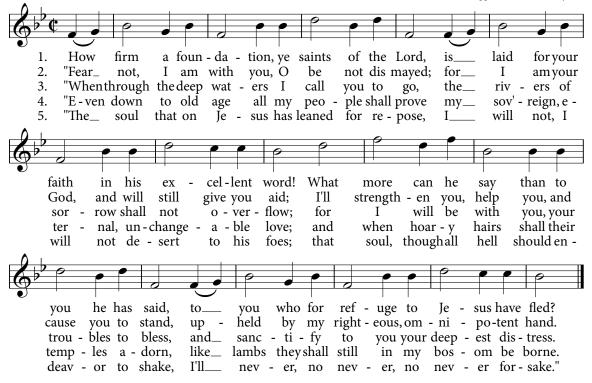
Prayer of belief | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

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 Firm a Foundation*

Rippon's Selection of Hymns



Prayer after Communion

All Lord of heaven,

in this meal you have brought us near to the whole company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Sending

How Long Isaac Wardell 1. How will you turn your face _____ a - way? How long? long 2. How your chil - dren find_____ their rest? How long long 'til 3. How vour word will still _ the storm? How long long 'til Sweet the dawn that ends____ 4. How long? _ the race. How long? Do you_ hear₋ us___ when_ On and on, _ we pray? 'til you draw them to_ your breast? We go on 'til you your migh arm? How we groan bare ty Weak our hearts but strong_ Look – ing on: our legs. 0 this_ pil still we__ walk grim way, how long? your pro hol – ding to_ mi - ses; long? how 'til you snatch us_ from_ the thorns; how long? long? great that cloud of_ wit nes - ses! How 'Til you wipe a-way the tears from ev'-ry eye, 'til we see our home descend-ing from the sky? Do we wait in____ vain? Je sus_ give us_ hope_again. © 2016 Bifrost Arts Music

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 God,

who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace; may he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises; may he strengthen you to follow them 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. **Amen.**

Dismissal

All

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 Elisa Chodan: voice Sarah Kleinschmidt: voice John Taylor-Baranik: guitar, voice June Bender: violin Charlie Muench: bass Liturgist Jennifer Cho

Scripture Reading Ryan McCormick

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



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, November 19 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) on Sunday, November 19 at 4:30 pm.

Card-making Activity for Children During Coffee Hour

Children are invited to a special card making session this Sunday during the coffee hour. Look for us in the community room.. Children will be creating cards for homeless and food insecure guests coming to Emmanuel's Thanksgiving breakfast. Guests treasure cards made especially for them. We welcome adult help!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

- 16: Toddler Free Play
- 19: West Philly Gathering
- 23: Emmanuel Thanksgiving Breakfast

December

- 7: Toddler Free Play
- 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	
Please contact me about:	
Community Groups	
Neighborhood Service Opportunities	
□ Volunteering on Sundays	
□ Children's & Youth Ministries	
Meeting with a Pastor	ARIVACY.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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