

Sunday November 6, 2022 All Saints

"TESTIMONY & STEWARDSHIP"

## 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 <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

#### Reflection

Am I a paragon of faith? (The honest answer is no.) While I once thought that I should labor to look and act and believe just like the other "successful" Christians in my life, I've been freed up by something Thomas Merton once wrote: "For me to be a saint means to be myself." Not that godly person I greatly admire, but *myself*. I see now that I'm engaged in a creative, enlivening, one-of-a-kind work of God in me, redeemed by Christ for good things. Who knows what kind of saint I, as myself, am becoming?

-Karen Wright Marsh, Vintage Saints & Sinners

#### Church Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

#### Welcome

# Opening Song



# 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 Psalm Reading

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

All there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

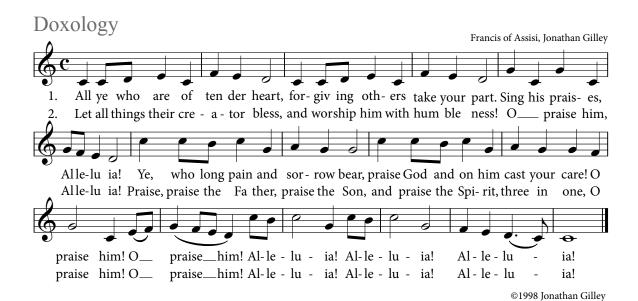
let everything bless his holy name forever and ever.

from Psalm 145

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

GOD SUMMONS US AS HIS PEOPLE

As we meet together each week, we recognize in the preparation that God, through his word and Spirit, gathers us into his presence and calls us into his life and mission.



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



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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.

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.

# 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

New Testament reading: Acts 22:1-29

[Paul said to the crowd,] <sup>1</sup>"Brothers and fathers, listen to the defense that I now make before you." <sup>2</sup>When they heard him addressing them in Hebrew, they became even more quiet. Then he said:

<sup>3</sup>"I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today. <sup>4</sup>I persecuted this Way up to the point of death by binding both men and women and putting them in prison, 5as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. From them I also received letters to the brothers in Damascus, and I went there in order to bind those who were there and to bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment. 6"While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. 7 fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 8 answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' Then he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.' 9Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. 10 asked, 'What am I to do, Lord?' The Lord said to me, 'Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do.' 11 Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus. 12"A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, <sup>13</sup>came to me; and standing beside me, he said, 'Brother Saul, regain your sight!' In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. <sup>14</sup>Then he said, 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his own voice; <sup>15</sup> for you will be his witness to all the world

of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup>And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.' <sup>17</sup>"After I had returned to Jerusalem and while I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance <sup>18</sup>and saw Jesus saying to me, 'Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.' <sup>19</sup>And I said, 'Lord, they themselves know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. <sup>20</sup>And while the blood of your witness Stephen was shed, I myself was standing by, approving and keeping the coats of those who killed him.' <sup>21</sup>Then he said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"

<sup>22</sup>Up to this point they listened to him, but then they shouted, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live." <sup>23</sup>And while they were shouting, throwing off their cloaks, and tossing dust into the air, 24the tribune directed that he was to be brought into the barracks, and ordered him to be examined by flogging, to find out the reason for this outcry against him. <sup>25</sup>But when they had tied him up with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who is uncondemned?" <sup>26</sup>When the centurion heard that, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? This man is a Roman citizen." 27The tribune came and asked Paul, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes." <sup>28</sup>The tribune answered, "It cost me a large sum of money to get my citizenship." Paul said, "But I was born a citizen." <sup>29</sup>Immediately those who were about to examine him drew back from him: and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Mark 12:1-12

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then [Jesus] began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. 5Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. <sup>6</sup>He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' <sup>8</sup>So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this scripture:

> 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; 11this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

<sup>12</sup>When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Reflection

"Testimony & Stewardship" - Rev. Chris Currie

# Song of Response

#### Instrument of Peace

Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Jessica Fox, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach



Lord, make me an in-stru-ment of peace, an in-stru-ment of peace.\_



- 1. Where there is ha-tred, let me sow love. Where there is dark-ness, let me sow light.
- 2. Where there is sor-row, let me sow hope. Where there is doubt,\_ let me sow faith.



For in the gi-ving, we shall re ceive, and in the dy-ing, we're gi-ven life. Where there is inju-ry, your par-don give, your con-so -la-tion to those in pain.



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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.

## 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 and let us look for the coming of your kingdom. 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.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain.

Raised 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.

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.

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.

#### Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

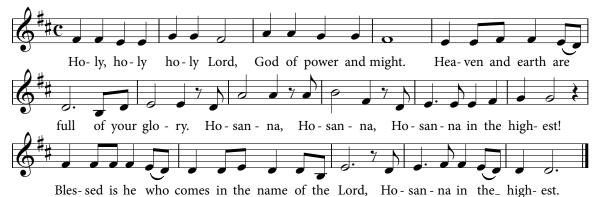
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

# The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Christ, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

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.

## 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.

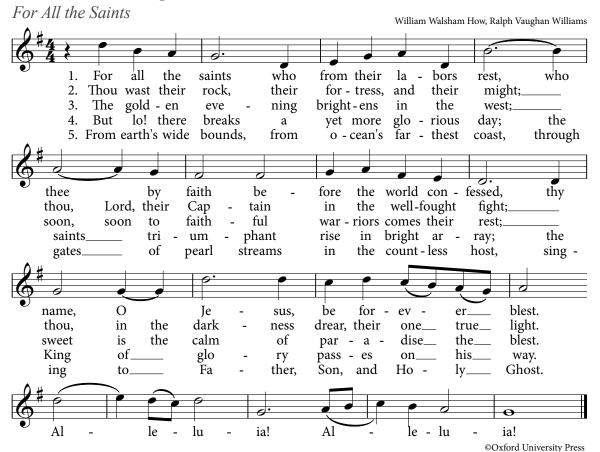
#### Prayer of belief

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.

# Communion Song



# 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

## Amazing Grace



- 1. A ma zing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a\_ wretch like me!\_\_
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re lieved;
- 3. Thro' ma ny dan gers, toils and snares, I have al rea dy come; 4. When we've been there ten thou sand years, bright shin ing as the sun, \_\_\_\_



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.

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 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 at resurrectionphl.org/give or text any amount to the number 84321.

## 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.

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.

#### Musicians

Sarah Long: guitar, voice

Paul Shive: guitar

Joshua Stamper: bass

Liturgist

Jennifer Cho

**Scripture Reading** 

Kory Stamper

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Currie

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## **CONNECT**

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** Gathering missionally throughout the week for times of service, fellowship, prayer, and deeper study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people, and most meet weekly. If you are looking for a way to connect with and care for the people around you, join the group nearest you! Go to www.resurrectionphl.org/communitygroups to see more details and to reach out to a group leader for one of the groups below.

#### **West Philly**

- 45th & Larchwood, Sundays 9am
- 48th & Larchwood, Thursdays 7:00pm
- 48th & Walton, every other Sunday 4pm
- 48th & Baltimore, every other Thursday 6:45pm
- Spruce Hill Area, Tuesdays 7pm

#### **Western Burbs**

• Western Burbs (Zoom), every other Thursday, 8pm

#### **Center-City**

• Old City, Wednesdays 6:45p

#### **Fairmount**

- · Fairmount #1, weekly, Sundays 4pm
- Fairmount #2, 1st & 3rd Sundays 5pm at Common Table

#### **South Philly**

- Passyunk Square, various meeting times during the month
- Italian Market, Wednesdays, 7pm
- Point Breeze, Tuesdays, 7pm

**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. The "Ends of the Earth" Sunday evening program runs on nights we have Common Table and invites kids to explore what it means to be a global disciple of Christ through music, games, and age-group classes. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- Resurrection Youth, Sundays 5-7 pm. Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at the Center City building to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Contact Elizabeth Bassett, youthleader@resurrectionphl.org

#### **UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

Resurrection hosts a weekly group for undergrads that meets on Penn's campus at 7pm each Wednesday. Both undergraduate and graduate students are also invited to participate in a student fellowship that will meet during Resurrection's Common Table gathering that happens on 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings. 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



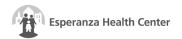






REDEMPTION HOUSING









## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Common Table Today, November 6 Common Table is an initiative that we've launched to foster relational connection, hospitality, and discipleship (for all ages) in the Resurrection community. Soup (GF + vegan), salad & bread are provided, and we round out the meal with your sweet & savory potluck additions. We'll gather again tonight at 5 pm. Please register at resurrectionphl.org/commontable if you plan to join!
- Woodland Workday on Saturday, November 12 Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers over the last year or so, the Annex has become a hub for fun and ministry. Our next step will be activating Kirk Hall. Join our Fall Fun Woodland Workday from 9-12 pm on November 12 (401 S 42nd). Lunch provided! You can choose whether to help with childcare or help in Kirk Hall. Sign up on our website.
- Info Session for Safe Families for Children Nov 13 Immediately following the West Philly service on November 13, there will be an info session from Safe Families for Children at West Catholic. Safe Families is a ministry of Bethany Christian Services that supports family preservation by providing safe homes for children whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them. Pizza and childcare will be provided. Register on our website so we know how much food to order!

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### November

- 6 Common Table 5-7 pm @ CC
- 12 Workday @ Woodland
- **13** Safe Families Info Session
- 20 Common Table 5-7 pm @ CC
- 27 Advent begins

#### **December**

- 4 Common Table 5-7 pm @ CC
- **11** Service of Lessons & Carols at 5 pm

# Help us welcome you.

Name(s):	
Children & their ages:	
If undergrad or grad student, school & year:	
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Email(s):	
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Please contact me about:	
☐ Community Groups	
☐ Neighborhood Service Opportunities	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
<ul><li>□ Volunteering on Sundays</li><li>□ Children's &amp; Youth Ministries</li></ul>	
☐ Meeting with a Pastor	PRIVACY, FLOWCODE, COM
☐ Other:	
Prayer Requests	
Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.	y on 4th Sundays.

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