



WORSHIP GATHERING

November 1, 2020

Welcome

New City Church is a spiritual family defined by the good news that God has taken loving initiative in Jesus Christ to bring salvation to sinners and a sin-marred world. Through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, the restoration of all things has begun, beginning with those who admit their need and trust his gracious provision. This restoration will eventually reach to the ends of the earth and touch every part of creation.

This is our joyful confession
and the life-giving hope of our community.

Gathering Song

Feel free to join in as you find your seat and prepare for worship

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Matt Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

CHORUS

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

CHORUS X2

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Call to Worship

Psalms 57

Leader

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
till the storms of destruction pass by.

Congregation

**I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
He will send from heaven and save me;
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness.**

O Worship the King

by Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn, and Chris Tomlin

O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

CHORUS

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite
We walked in the darkness, You filled us with light

O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender Redeemer, and Friend

CHORUS X2

One Thing I Have Asked (Psalm 27)

Nathan Partain

The Lord is my salvation and my light, whom shall I fear?
He is my refuge and my strong defense
Foes rise up against me, they will fall
Though war surrounds me, yet my heart in Him is confident

CHORUS

One thing I have asked the Lord that I will seek
That I may dwell within his house to be with him
All my days to gaze upon his beauty and to find new joys in him
Whose glory has no end

In the day of trouble, he will hide me
He will shelter me under the cover of his tent
He will lift me high upon a rock above my enemies
In victory he lifts my head

CHORUS

In your mercy hear my cry, your dear presence do not hide
Though mother father may forsake, the Lord take me in
The Lord will keep me safe

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness Of the Lord
Among the land of those who live
Wait upon the Lord, be strong, and let your heart take courage
Do not doubt but wait for him

CHORUS

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sin together.

Congregation

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge before your holy majesty that, apart from Jesus, we are sinners, born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, and incapable of any true good relative to your character.

We turn from our sin and our sins with true repentance, asking for your grace to relieve our distress. Father, you are gracious and full of compassion. Have mercy upon us in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

*WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON YOUR KNEES, OR BOWING
IN YOUR SEAT, FOR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN.*

Declaration of Pardon

From 1 John 1:7-9

Leader

“The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

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What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

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Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #3

(The underlined portions correspond to the Children's Catechism studied at home this week by New City families.)

Leader

How many persons are there in God?

Congregation

There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Luke 13:22–35

²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

**No one enters the kingdom of God but by
faith and repentance in Jesus Christ**

Entering the Kingdom of God Through the Narrow Door November 1, 2020

1. The Kingdom of God is here in Jesus Christ and His People (vss. 22–24)

Will those who are saved be few?

*The Kingdom of God is heaven breaking in
Since the Fall to abolish the reign of sin
To advance creation to its greater end
All Praise to the Son of Adam, Son of David King!*
~ Lyrics from “Kingdom of God,”
by Timothy Brindle

John 10:7–10 ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

2. The Kingdom of God is an “Upside Down” Kingdom (vss. 25–30)

People will come from east and west, and from north and south

3. The Kingdom of God can be Easily Rejected (vss. 31–35)

How often I would have...

Come People of the Risen King

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

CHORUS

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

CHORUS

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age: Our God is all in all

CHORUS X2

Benediction

Romans 15:13

Leader

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES (“DIACONATE”)

Tom Abbett, Megan Flahive, Rich Scott (Chairman), Emily Taylor, Rebekah Torzewski, Chris Vincent, Teresa Wedges

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Taylor Bradbury — *Director of Ministries*

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