



# WORSHIP GATHERING

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## 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*

## **WHOM SHALL I FEAR**

*Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Scott Cash*

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear?

### *CHORUS*

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The one who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save  
You will deliver me, yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

### *CHORUS*

And nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful, You are faithful (x2)

### *CHORUS X2*

The God of angel armies is always by my side

# Call to Worship

*From Psalms 16 and 34*

*Leader*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Congregation*

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;**

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

**Oh, magnify the Lord with me,**

**and let us exalt his name together!**

# Praise the Lord Ye Heavens

*Eric J. Marshall*

Praise the Lord, Ye heavens adore Him  
Praise Him, angels in the height  
Sun and moon rejoice before Him  
Praise Him all ye stars of light

Praise the Lord for He hath spoken  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made

*CHORUS*

All creation join the song of praise  
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways  
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy  
All of our days

Praise the Lord for He is glorious  
Never shall His promise fail  
God hath made His saints victorious  
Sin and death shall not prevail

*CHORUS*

Glory, Glory, All glory to You Lord...

Praise the God of our salvation  
Hosts on high His power proclaim  
Heaven and earth and all creation  
Laud and magnify His Name

*CHORUS*

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*Stewart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain off searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

*Congregation*

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your lovingkindness. In your great compassion, clean our sin away. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*Romans 5:10–11*

*Leader*

“For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

*Congregation*

**In Christ, we are forgiven, free, and restored!**

# Jesus Is Alive

*James Tealy, Jaywan Maxwell, Jesse Reeves, Michael Farren,  
Niki Shepherd, Tiarne Tranter*

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days  
For the One that once was buried lives again  
Now the tomb is bare and empty and the stone is rolled away  
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave

All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak  
Come find living water, everlasting streams  
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more  
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world

*CHORUS*

Let there be dancing in the darkness  
And let our song break through the night  
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is Alive!

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear  
For our sin and shame they have no power here  
In His resurrection perfect love has set the captives free  
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory

*CHORUS X2*

Hallelujah, death is undone, Hallelujah, Jesus has won  
Hallelujah, we overcome, Oh in Jesus, Oh in Jesus (x3)

*CHORUS X2*

Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is Alive!



# Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #11

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

*Leader*

What does God require in the sixth, seventh and eighth commandments?

*Congregation*

**Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor**, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. **Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully**, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. **Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else**, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

## Prayer

## Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

## Luke 16:1-13

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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## You Cannot Serve God and Money

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**Jesus desires his people to use kingdom wisdom concerning money and possessions.**

**1. Who is the audience of the parable?**

**2. What is the parable saying? What is it teaching?**

**3. Why the praise/commendation in verse 8?**

Klyne Snodgrass – “The master praised the [the manager] for his quick thinking, his shrewdness or wisdom, to insure his own future. No more is intended than that” (*Stories with Intent*, p. 414).

**4. Why the commentary on the parable in verses 8b-9?**

**5. How is the parable’s teaching intended to function in our lives?**

Klyne Snodgrass – “Just as [the manager] acted to safeguard his well-being, how much more in this eschatological age should Jesus’ hearers act to safeguard their own eternal dwelling” (*Stories with Intent*, p. 416).

**Psalm 16:11** You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

# Marvelous Light

*Ellie Holcomb and Rusty Varenkamp*

I am not who I once was  
Defined by all the things I've done  
Afraid my shame would be exposed  
Afraid of really being known  
But then You gave my heart a home

*CHORUS*

So I walked out of the darkness and into the light  
From fear of shame into the hope of life  
Mercy called my name and made a way to fly  
Out of the darkness and in - to the light

Years of keeping secrets safe  
Wondering if I could change  
'Cause when you're hiding all alone  
Your heart can turn into a stone  
And that's not the way I want to go

*CHORUS*

There's no place I'd rather be  
Your light is marvelous, Your light is marvelous  
You have come to set us free  
You are marvelous, Your light is marvelous to me

*CHORUS*

# Benediction

*Colossians 3:1-4*

*Leader*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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