

WORSHIP GATHERING

January 10, 2021

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

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Isaac Wardell, Orlando Palmer, and Paul Zach

Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the merciful
For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us
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Mercy

Call to Worship

Luke 1

Leader

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

Congregation

And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

**he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their
hearts;**

**he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;**

**he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,**

**as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”**

Blessed be Your Name

Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in a desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

CHORUS

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

CHORUS

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

CHORUS

All My Ways Are Known to You

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren

In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor, Your word is true
That all my ways are known to You

No trial has come beyond Your hand
No step I walk beyond Your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to You

CHORUS

And oh what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah, they are known to You!

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to You

CHORUS

Open up my eyes so I may see
That You have made these ways for me
Open up my eyes so I may see
That You my God, will walk with me

CHORUS

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sin together.

Congregation

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you. You call us, but we do not follow. You command, but we do not obey. You bless us, but we do not thank you. Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others. You forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us. Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

Isaiah 59:20

Leader

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

You Alone Can Rescue

Matt Redman

Who O Lord could save themselves,
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your love is deeper still (x2)

CHORUS

You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, Led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You, O Lord, have made a way
The great divide You heal
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes, your love goes further still

CHORUS X 2

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life
We lift up our eyes, Lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life
(repeat x3)

CHORUS

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #13

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

Leader

Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

Congregation

Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God...¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void...

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’

²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

The Great Reversal

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In Jesus there is and will be a great reversal.

Reversal of Wealth ⁽¹⁹⁻²³⁾

How do we live as persons who enjoy wealth, bless others with it, and not become defined by it? (Entering the reversal now: how did Jesus use his wealth to serve?)

2 Corinthians 8 ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Reversal of Status ⁽²⁴⁻²⁶⁾

How do we live as persons who are free from the need to achieve, maintain, or exert status? (Entering the reversal now: how did Jesus use his status to serve?)

Philippians 2 ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ephesians 1 ⁵ He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will...

Reversal of Wisdom ⁽²⁷⁻³¹⁾

How do we live as persons who are willing to receive the words of the Lord? (Entering the reversal now: how did Jesus bring his wisdom into our life?)

2 Corinthians 4 ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Build Your Kingdom Here

Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us, we pray, unveil why we're made
Come, set our hearts ablaze with Hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church,
We pray, 'revive this earth'

CHORUS

Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire, win creation back
Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here, we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

CHORUS X2

Benediction

from Ephesians 3

Leader

May it be that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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