# NORSHIP GATHERING

## February 14, 2021

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

to all who mourn and long for comfort;

to all who struggle and desire victory;

to all who sin and need a Savior;

to all who are strangers and want fellowship;

to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

and to all who will come,

New City opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome.

# Gathering Song

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

#### **COME AND LISTEN**

David Crowder

Come and listen
Come to the water's edge all you
Who know and fear the Lord
Come and listen
Come to the water's edge all you
Who are thirsty, come

Let me tell you what He has done for me Let me tell you what He has done for me He has done for you He has done for us

#### **CHORUS**

Come and listen
Come and listen to what He's done
Come and listen
Come and listen to what He's done

Praise our God for He is good Praise our God for He is good Praise our God for He is good Praise our God for He is good

He has done for me He has done for you He has done for us

# Call to Worship

#### Daniel 7

#### Leader

"As I looked, thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened...

## Congregation

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and global control of the control

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;

his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

## We Have Come

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707 (verses); Zac Hicks, 2008 (chorus & bridge); Music: Zac Hicks, 2008

**CHORUS** 

We have come to give You praise, Almighty God, lift up our gaze Lord, we long to see Your face, Won't You come and fill this place? Won't You come and fill this place?

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne We now surround the throne Our God, He rules on high, and thunders when He please He rides upon the stormy sky, and manages the seas He manages the seas

This awesome God is ours, our Father and our love He will send down His heavenly powers to carry us above He carries us above

So let our songs abound, and every tear be dry We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high We long to be on high

**CHORUS** 

We're marching up to the gates of Zion
The city of God, where the Most High dwells
Where streams make glad our fainting spirits
We now surround the throne...

Hallelujah to the Father, Hallelujah to the Son Hallelujah to the Spirit, 'round the throne we have come

# With Joy

Peter Taylor

In the beginning he was
He saw all those made from dust
The blackness they'd make, and the pain to which they'd clutch
But he spoke the Word and said, "it is good"
Even as he saw the dripping wine and broken bread

CHORUS

And with joy he chose

With joy he chose

With joy, with joy, with joy

Sent from his Father's side
For the first time holy blind
As a weak babe in a dark and tumultuous time
But he knew the words that'd been said
The promises that pointed to him ahead
CHORUS

As he was displayed
He heard whispers to call on his Name
On the legions of light to rescue him from this fate
But across his mind he saw me and you and them and us
CHORUS

For the glory of the father
For the love of the son
For the coming of the spirit that we may be one (x2)
With joy, With joy, With you (x3)

## Confession of Sin

#### Leader

Almighty God, we believe that You are coming again in power to judge the earth. But we confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect Your kingdom.

## Congregation

We have spoken harsh words, thought impure thoughts, and lived casual lives. We have ignored Your promised judgment by not loving You with our whole hearts or our neighbors as ourselves.

Have mercy on us and forgive us for all our offenses. In Your tender kindness, embrace us with Your fatherly love, and fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of seeing You soon, face to face. 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

Hebrews 9:15

#### Leader

"Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant."

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

## Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Matt Papa

Leader: What is our hope in life and death? Congregation: 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

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?

CHORUS

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

## Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #18 (The underlined portions correspond to the Children's Catechism studied at home this week by New City families.)

(These strong words are in the context of God's gracious provision in the New City Catechism. However, since we only cover one per week, they can seem stark in isolation!)

Leader

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

Congregation

No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

(kids version)

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# Prayer & Installation of New Elders

DARYL KAPP, JOHN McAllen, JOE SUGIMURA, DUSTIN SUTHERLAND

## Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

### Luke 17

- <sup>20</sup> Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, <sup>21</sup> nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."
- <sup>22</sup> And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.
- <sup>23</sup> And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them.
- <sup>24</sup> For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.
- <sup>25</sup> But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.
- <sup>26</sup> Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup> but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— <sup>30</sup> so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.
- <sup>31</sup>On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot's wife.
- <sup>33</sup>Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.
- <sup>34</sup>I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup>There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left."
- <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the vultures (*qrk: ἀετοὶ, vultures or eagles*) will gather."

## When the Son of Man is Revealed

February 14, 2021 | Luke 17:20-37 | Pastor Roger Williams

Jesus calls us to attentive confidence in the Kingdom of God and his ruling authority.

Jesus is using Daniel 7:13 as a prediction of that authority which he exercised when in A.D. 70 the Jewish nation and its leaders, who had condemned him, were overthrown, and Jesus was vindicated as the recipient of all power from the Ancient of Days...Jesus, exalted after his death and resurrection to receive his everlasting dominion, will display it within the generation (to whom he is speaking)...by an act of judgment on the nation and capital of the authorities who presumed to judge him. They will see...for themselves that their time of power is finished, and it is to him that God has given all power in heaven and earth. -R.T France, Jesus and the Old Testament, 236.

Because the Temple was a miniature replica of the universe, and because—as the rabbis contended—the "whole world" was sustained by its liturgy, the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple meant nothing less than that the age of "this world" was coming to its end, and the age of the "world to come"—the messianic age—would be objectively inaugurated. Jesus ... saw his death as thus ushering in the beginnings of a new creation.

- Brant Pitre, Jesus, the New Temple, and the Priesthood, 83.

# We Shall Sing

Nathan Partain

**CHORUS** 

We shall sing with hearts on fire. We shall rise and not be ashamed. We shall look and all be radiant. We shall see him face to face.

Though we wait, the garden groaning, Cut down by greed, used up, bereft. What death has taken, or curse has ruined, Jesus has turned, upon its head.

CHORUS

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared...

To what we shall see.

Though we outwardly seem to be wasting away,
Instead inwardly we, are more new day by day.
Though we don't see Him now, yet our hearts still believe.
And our hope cannot die, 'til our joy is complete.

And so we wait, the children hunger,
The weak enslaved, the voiceless poor.
Though weeping lasts, throughout this long night,
Jesus shall come, like joyous morn.

**CHORUS** 

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared...
As we tremble with love when we meet in the end.
The whole world of despair is not worth being compared
To what we shall see.

# Benediction

from Romans 15

## 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.

Go in peace.

## **ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES ("DIACONATE")**

Tom Abbett, Katie Blodgett, Megan Flahive, Dave Ostendorf, Rich Scott (Chairman), Emily Taylor, Paul Taylor, Rebekah Torzewski, Chris Vincent, Teresa Wedges

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