

WORSHIP GATHERING

May 30, 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.

Call to Worship

Psalm 16

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."

Congregation

**As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.**

Leader

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

you hold my lot.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

Congregation

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

We Have Come

(Come, We That Love the Lord)

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

CHORUS

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
And worship You alone

Hallelujah to the Father
Hallelujah to the Son
Hallelujah to the Spirit
'Round the throne we have come

Before There Was Time

Aaron Senseman

Before there was time
There were visions in Your mind
There was death in the fall of mankind
But there was life in salvation's design
Before there were days
There were nights I could not see Your face
But the night couldn't keep me from grace
When You came and You took my place

CHORUS

I cry holy only begotten Son of God
Ancient of Days
I cry holy only begotten Son of God
And sing the praises of the One who saved me
And the promises he made

Before there was time
You counted the hairs on my head
You knew all the words that I've said
And You purchased me back from the dead
Before I was made
You searched me and knew my ways
You numbered all of my days
And You set forth the steps that I would take

CHORUS

CHORUS X2

Come Alive

Jake Espy and Jason Stocker

Lay down your burdens, lay down your pride
Rest in the mercy that Jesus provides
Come all ye weary broken inside
Lay down your burdens lay down your life

CHORUS

Come and lift your voice
At the throne of grace we come alive
Let the lost rejoice
In Jesus Christ His arms are open wide

CHORUS 2

Let these mountains shake
From the sound of voices multiplied
As our souls awake
In Jesus Christ His arms are open wide

In this moment, in Your presence
Overwhelmed by love, we come alive
We cry holy King of Glory
Jesus Christ Your Name be lifted high

CHORUS

CHORUS 2

Lay down your burdens lay down your pride
Rest in the mercy that Jesus provides

Confession of Sin

Leader

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit—giver of life, maker of people who bear your image, and granter of all good gifts.

We confess that we often fail to honor your image in others, tolerate when others do the same, neglect to thank you for your gifts, and take for granted the life you give. The evil in this world lives in seed-form in our own flesh. May we see it, turn from it, and refuse to make peace with it.

Congregation

We repent of callousness toward injustice, tolerance of lovelessness in our own lives, and trusting in the power of man to accomplish only what the Spirit can do.

Tune our hearts to see where we fail to love, hurry to judge, or speak with haste. Show us where we listen with indifference to the pain of others and thus fail to take on the compassionate heart of Jesus for our neighbor.

Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. Work in us more profound and abiding repentance; give us the fullness of a godly grief which is ever powerful, and ever confident; grant that our repentance will enable us to see more clearly the brightness and glory of the cross of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

From Romans 5:6, 8

Leader

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly [...] But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.”

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

The Cup Was Not Removed

Ben Wolverton, Justin Tweito, Taylor Agan

The cup was not removed, He drank it all
See Him hanging there where I belong
His tears were as scarlet, but there in the garden
The cup was not removed

The law was not removed, it was fulfilled
The prayers of all the prophets now revealed
In the image of the Father, the yes of every promise
The law was not removed

CHORUS

O praise the Lamb who takes away my sin
He tore the veil, now I can enter in
For all my days my soul will praise Him
O praise the One with scars in his hands
O praise the Son who died and rose again
For all my days my soul will praise Him

My sins are now removed, yes every one
Taken by my Jesus at the cross
As far as east and west, I see His righteous ness
My sins are now removed, yes my sins are now removed
O praise Him, O praise Him

CHORUS

The cup was not removed, He drank it all
See Him hanging there where I belong

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #33

Leader

Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

Congregation

No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ. To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.

(kids version)

No, everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ.

Luke 20:27-44

²⁷ There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸ and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰ And the second ³¹ and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³² Afterward the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

⁴¹ But he said to them, “How can they say that the Christ is David’s son? ⁴² For David himself says in the Book of Psalms,

“The LORD said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
⁴³ until I make your enemies your footstool.”

⁴⁴ David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?”

A.W. Tozer “Let no one apologize for the powerful emphasis Christianity lays upon the doctrine of the world to come. Right there lies its immense superiority to everything else within the whole sphere of human thought or experience...We do well to think of the long tomorrow.”

God of the Living

May 30, 2021 | Luke 20:27-44 | Pastor Taylor Bradbury

King Jesus is the Lord who makes us children of God and promises everlasting resurrection life.

1. King Jesus promises everlasting resurrection life after death (vss. 27-40)

- a. Sadducees (v. 27)
- b. “If a man’s brother dies...” (vss. 28-33)
- c. Resurrection from the dead (vss. 34-35)
- d. Children of God, Children of the Resurrection (v. 36)
- e. God of the Living (v. 38)

C.S. Lewis If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.”

2. King Jesus is Lord (vss. 41-44)

- a. Jesus is greater than David, Israel’s greatest king!

Ps. 110:1 The LORD (YHWH) said to my Lord (Messiah)

Sermon & Communion

New City has moved back to using “regular” elements in celebrating Communion. We will pass out the bread and red wine/white grape juice. Please hold both the bread and wine/juice and we will partake together.

Should you take Communion?

This is a “means of grace”— a method of encouragement and spiritual nourishment from God for those who entrust themselves to Jesus Christ and have received the sign of baptism. This is not for perfect people, it’s for broken people who are honest about their sin and trust in the mercy of Jesus. However, if you are harboring secret or unrepented sin or are in unaddressed conflict with another Christian, we ask that you first repent or go and be reconciled before coming to the table.

New City is happy to be a community where many are in process with that they believe and honestly struggle with sin and reconciliation. For this reason, it is not uncommon for folk to refrain from taking communion.

Children

Should talk with a pastor about personal faith in Christ before taking Communion. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to be in this conversation.

God Is For Us

*James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren,
Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Kleyn*

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley, with You by our side
You will go before us, You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save

CHORUS

Sing with joy now, our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon, You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

CHORUS

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds us in His love (x2)

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

ACTIVE ELDERS (THE “SESSION”)

Michael Erler, Ben Flack, Daryl Kapp, John McAllen, Mark Moss, Joe Sugimura,
Dustin Sutherland, Caleb Winter (Clerk)

STAFF

Taylor Bradbury — *Associate Pastor*

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