

WORSHIP GATHERING

July 18, 2021

Pre-service reflection:

The Christian Scriptures are the primary text for Christian spirituality. Christian spirituality is, in its entirety, rooted in and shaped by the scriptural text. We don't form our personal spiritual lives out of a random assemblage of favorite texts in combination with individual circumstances; we are formed by the Holy Spirit in accordance with the text of Holy Scripture. God does not put us in charge of forming our personal spiritualities. We grow in accordance with the revealed Word implanted in us by the Spirit.

-Eugene Peterson, *Eat this Book*, 15.

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

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 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.**

He Will Rejoice

words: Zephaniah 3:17; music: Randall Goodgame

He will rejoice over you with gladness
He will quiet you with his love
He will rejoice over you with singing

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CHORUS

The Lord God is in your midst
The mighty one who saves
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CHORUS X2

Come Thou Fount

Lyrics: Robert Robinson, Music: John Wyeth

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Man of Sorrows

Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God, Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowling to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

CHORUS

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son, To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree

CHORUS

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed

CHORUS

See the stone is rolled away, Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised, He's risen from the grave!

CHORUS

Confession of Sin

Leader

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when You came to redeem us You humbled yourself and made Yourself nothing. We confess how unlike You we are in our attitudes and actions.

Congregation

We often look for recognition and acclaim from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes

Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Work in us by the power of Your Spirit so that we become more like You and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

From Galatians 4:4–6

Leader

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba, Father!’”

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

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

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

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Confession of Faith

*NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #40-41
(today, adult and child versions are combined)*

Leader

What should we pray?

Congregation

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

Leader

What is the Lord's Prayer?

Congregation

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The Silent King

Luke 22:63-23:25 | July 18, 2021 | Pastor Roger Williams

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.*
Isaiah 53:7

Luke 22:63-23:65

(⁵³...But this is your hour, and the power of darkness...)

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, ⁶⁷“If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” ⁷⁰So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” ⁷¹Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

23 ¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” ³And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” ⁵But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him.”

¹⁸But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²²A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Sermon & Communion

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.

Rescuer

Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler, and Rend Collective

There is good news for the captive, Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

CHORUS

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer
We are free from sin forever more
Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

He is beauty for the blind man, Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary, Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life (x2)

CHORUS

So come and be chainless, Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction,
Here at the foot of Calvary

So come and be chainless, Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction,
Here at the foot of Calvary

CHORUS

Lion of Judah

Robin Mark

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign
At the end of the age, when the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You

And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified
For with wisdom and mercy and justice He reigns
At the Father's side

CHORUS

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb,
Who was slain for the world, rule in power!"
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign,
As the King of all Kings
and the Lord of all Lords!"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits which cannot be denied
As the Father has told us, for these You have died
For the nations that gather before You

And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified
Who descended to hell, yet was raised up to reign
At the Father's side

CHORUS X2

Benediction

1 Timothy 1:17

Leader

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

ACTIVE ELDERS (THE “SESSION”)

Michael Erler, Ben Flack, Daryl Kapp, John McAllen, Mark Moss, Joe Sugimura,
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