

# 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**

(<sup>53</sup>...But this is your hour, and the power of darkness...)

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

<sup>66</sup>When 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, <sup>67</sup>“If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, <sup>68</sup>and if I ask you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” <sup>70</sup>So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” <sup>71</sup>Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

**23** <sup>1</sup>Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And 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.” <sup>3</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” <sup>5</sup>But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

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

<sup>8</sup>When 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. <sup>9</sup>So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup>and 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. <sup>15</sup>Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore punish and release him.”

<sup>18</sup>But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— <sup>19</sup>a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. <sup>20</sup>Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” <sup>22</sup>A 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.” <sup>23</sup>But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He 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

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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.





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