

# WORSHIP GATHERING

July 25, 2021

*Pre-service reflection:*

When you look at the glorious older saints...how do you think they got there? Sound doctrine, yes. Resolute obedience, without a doubt. Suffering without becoming cynical, for sure. But maybe another reason, maybe a deeper reason, is that they have, over time, been won over in their deepest affections to a gentle Savior. Perhaps they have simply tasted, over many years, the surprise of a Christ for whom their very sins draw him in rather than push him away. Maybe they have not only known that Jesus loved them but felt it.

-Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*, 99.

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 34*

*Leader*

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.  
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.  
The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

*Congregation*

**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!**  
**Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!**  
**Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,**  
**for those who fear him have no lack!**  
**The young lions suffer want and hunger;**  
**but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

# Sursum Corda

*The Choir, Arr. Bruce Benedict*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you

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# We Are Listening

*J. Quillo*

Father, I long to be wise,  
To see with new eyes  
The truth that was written by Your hand

Father, speak Your truth into me  
Because I still believe  
That You will help me understand

*CHORUS*

We are listening to Your word  
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Morning and evening we come  
To delight in the words of our God  
Give us eyes to see, give us faith to hear  
That the Word has come, that the Word is here

Father, I long to see Christ:  
The Truth and New Life  
The Word that made the universe

Father, speak  
Now I believe  
I have been set free,  
By the Word who lived and died for me

*CHORUS X2*

That the Word has come, that the Word is here

# You Were Not My People

*Nathan Partain*

You hid from me, and so I called to you,  
Then you accused, and so I blessed you.  
Your heart was cold, so jealous was I for you,  
You had contempt, and I just held you

You closed your ears, so I displayed for you,  
You shut your eyes, so I fed you  
You fought but I, was patient to wait for you,  
You yelled and cried, while I clothed you

You, you were not my people, but I called you my own  
You, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home

Your mind was bent and so I sang for you,  
Your feet were bound, I untied you  
You could not speak, and so I taught you to,  
You were so scared, but I gently drew

*CHORUS*

You, you were not my people, but I called you my own  
You, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home  
You, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine  
You, illegitimate, uncovered, now you are my child.

You spit on me, even as I kissed you,  
You struck my face, while I bathed you.  
You raged, I poured my spirit all over you,  
You crucified, and I let you

*CHORUS*

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Lord, we want to enter Your presence, worshipping You face to face, awed by Your majesty, greatness, and glory, and encouraged by Your love. Yet there is often a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake.

*Congregation*

**Come near and strengthen us until Christ is the true center of who we are in every thought, word, and deed; in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to You, and always clings to the cross. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*Romans 8:1-2*

*Leader*

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

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

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

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 righteousness  
My sins are now removed  
O praise Him, O praise Him!

## *CHORUS*

# Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #42

*Leader*

How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

*Congregation*

**With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

*(kids version)*

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# The Servant King

July 25, 2021 | Luke 23:26-43 | Pastor Roger Williams

**Because Jesus is the Christ,  
he came to serve us rather than himself.**

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.  
Luke 19:10*

## **Luke 23:26-43**

<sup>26</sup>And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

**1 Corinthians 1** <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

# 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.

# Jesus Messiah

*by Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin*

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

## *CHORUS*

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

## *CHORUS*

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

## *CHORUS*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

# Savior

*Matthew Fallentine and Ross Parsley*

I have seen with my own eyes, Your faithfulness, O God  
So I refuse to believe the lies that war against my soul  
You rescued me from all my fears  
And loosed the chains of wasted years

*CHORUS*

You're my Savior, Restorer,  
Rebuilder, Rewarder,  
My Refuge, Redeemer,  
Defender, My Healer,  
Savior

Now my heart is overwhelmed by all sufficient grace  
For I have seen my weaknesses become Your perfect strength  
You rescued me from all my fears  
And loosed the chains of wasted years

*CHORUS*

Behold the One  
Who holds me in His hands  
The God who comes  
And turns my mourning  
Into dance

*CHORUS X2*

# Benediction

*1 Timothy 1:17*

*Leader*

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

Go in peace.



**ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES (“DIACONATE”)**

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