

WORSHIP GATHERING

August 1, 2021

Pre-service reflection:

It is an item of faith that we are children of God; there is plenty of experience in us against it. The faith that surmounts this evidence and that is able to warm itself at the fire of God's love, instead of having to steal love and self-acceptance from other sources, is actually the root of holiness....We are not saved by the love we exercise, but by the love we trust.

-Richard Lovelace, *Dynamics of Spiritual Life*, 213.

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 31

Leader

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!
Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

Congregation

**For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

Wisdom and Grace (Psalm 90)

Sandra McCracken

CHORUS

Teach us to number our days
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways
Teach us to number our days
with wisdom and grace.

You've been our home and our dwelling
our place in all generations.
Before the earth and the mountains were formed,
You are God.

CHORUS

Now the span of our lives,
It is made of sorrow and labor
As the days pass away like the grass
How soon we are gone.

CHORUS

Let the work of our hands bring you praise,
set Your favor upon us.
O establish the word of our hands,
May Your kingdom come!

CHORUS

O Worship the King

by Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn, and Chris Tomlin

O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

CHORUS

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite
We walked in the darkness, You filled us with light

O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender Redeemer, and Friend

CHORUS X2

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

Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Congregation

Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.

May we long to desire what is good and love what You love, 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

Psalm 103:11-13

Leader

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.”

In Christ, you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

All Must Be Well

Mary Bowly Peters and Matthew S. Smith

Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor,
All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation,
All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow;
All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #43

Leader

What are the sacraments or ordinances?

Congregation

The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

(kids version)

Leader

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Congregation

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

The Cursed King

August 1, 2021 | Luke 23:44-56 | Pastor Roger Williams

King Jesus took the curse so his people can take life.

Luke 23:44-56

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

"And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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.

The Lord is My Joy

Nathan Partain

The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy
When all that I have is lost, I find the Lord is my joy
The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength
When I am too weak to go on, I find the Lord is my strength

CHORUS

My all in all is He, my healing King
My master tends to me, for him my soul shall sing

The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock
When all I have faith in fails, I find the Lord is my rock
The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight
Above all the joys of life, I find the Lord is my delight

CHORUS 2

My all in all is He, my breath, my song
In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belongs

I wait, and wait upon You to come for me in rescue
Give strength, My heart is failing yet still my lips will praise You (x2)

And with His wings He covers me, He keeps His watch when I'm asleep
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything (x2)
And with a sword He guards me, He keeps watch when I'm asleep
He crushes all my enemies, I give my savior everything

CHORUS 3

My all in all is He, my closest friend
I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends

O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)

Chris Tomlin, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

O church arise, and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith, and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died: an inheritance of nations

CHORUS

Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, We are His radiant bride
Arise, O church, arise!

Come see the cross, Where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

CHORUS

Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, We are His radiant bride
Arise, O church, arise!

Benediction

Jude 24-25

Leader

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Amen. God 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,
Dustin Sutherland, Caleb Winter (Clerk)

STAFF

Taylor Bradbury — *Associate Pastor*

Ben Flack — *Director of Liturgy*

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