

WORSHIP GATHERING

October 3, 2021

Pre-service reflection:

It is our failure as Christian people to understand what our church membership means – the dignity, the privilege, and the responsibility – that causes most of our troubles. Our greatest need is to recapture the New Testament teaching concerning the Church. If only we could see ourselves in terms of it, we would realize that we are the most privileged people on earth, that there is nothing to be compared with being a Christian and a member of the mystical body of Christ.

— D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Christian Unity:
An Exposition of Ephesians 4:1–16*, 209.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12

Leader

Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

Congregation

**Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader

Sing praises to the LORD,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

Congregation

**Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Lift My Eyes

David Crowder

Leader: Come Let us worship the King

Congregation: **Come Let us worship the King**

Come lay your heart at his feet

Come lay your heart at his feet

Come Let us worship the King

Come Let us worship the King

Come let us bow at his feet

Come let us bow at his feet

CHORUS

And I lift my eyes to the hills, my help is coming

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CHORUS X2

All Things Together

Andrew Peterson

He's the image of the invisible God
The firstborn of creation
By Him, all things were created
In heaven and earth, seen and unseen
Rulers, dominions, and powers and kings

CHORUS

(He holds) all things, all things, all things together
He holds all things, all things, all things together

He is the head of the body, the church
The firstborn from the dead
So in everything, He is the head
And the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
In Him to reconcile to Himself

CHORUS

Through Him and for Him, all things remain
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He is above all things, in Him all things hold together
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He is above all things, in Him all things hold together

He made peace, He made peace
He made peace by the blood of His cross
He made peace, He made peace
He made peace by the blood of His cross

CHORUS X2

Jesus Cast a Look on Me

John Berridge, Matthew Perryman Jones

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sin together.

Congregation

Merciful Father,

we have sinned against You and are guilty before You.

We have forgotten our true selves, given to us by Jesus:

that we are your beloved children, and

all our longings are satisfied in you.

Forgive us for the sins of our tongues,

for the sins of our eyes,

for the sins of our hearts,

and above all for rebelling against Your Lordship

and doubting Your love.

Take away our mourning and give us music;

remove our sackcloth and give us Your beauty.

In Jesus' 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 Job 19:25-27

Leader

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold.”

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

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

Give Thanks to the Lord

words: Brad Smith, arr. David Hampton

Give thanks to the Lord for the works of His hands
For a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Give thanks to the Lord, for we all now can stand
And fear not of being forsaken

CHORUS

Give thanks to the Lord for His righteousness,
Give thanks to the Lord for His love
Let us worship His name and His holiness
Give thanks to the Lord! Oh, Give thanks to the Lord!
Give Thanks

Give thanks to the Father for sending His Son
Give thanks to the Son for the Spirit
Now lift up your voices to God three in one
And shout so the whole world can hear it

CHORUS X2

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #51

Leader

Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Congregation

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

(kids version)

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Prayer

The One Body of Christ

October 3, 2021 | Ephesians 4:1–16 | Pastor Taylor Bradbury

The church is the Spirit-joined body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:1–16

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

John 17:20–23 I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

1 Corinthians 12:12–20, 26 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body...If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Colossians 2:18–19 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Sermon & Communion

During Communion today we ask you to go to a nearby table and receive the bread and (red) wine or (white) grape juice. You do not have to hurry through the line. Bring the bread and wine back to your seat and we will all partake together. We are intentionally using slightly larger samples of bread and wine than are normal in most Protestant churches. This is an attempt to slow down the process a bit and savor the taste while reflecting on the meaning.

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 people are in process with what they believe and honestly struggle with sin and reconciliation. For this reason, it is not uncommon for folk to refrain from taking communion.

If not participating in Communion today, we encourage you to pray through one of the prayers on the next page.

Children

Children who profess faith in Christ and have been approved to receive communion by the Elders of New City Church or the leaders of your home church are welcome to partake. Children not receiving communion are heartily welcomed to go through the line with their parents to observe what is happening.

Prayers During Communion

For those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for children of the Church:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Oh! Great is Our God!

Brian Eichelberger

Oh Great is our God, so we should worship greatly
No song is too loud, no orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing

Oh Great is our God, so let our songs be endless
So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give

CHORUS

We will sing your praise
And pour forth your fame
We will bless your name
Let everyone give thanks
Because our God is great

Oh Great is our God, and we cannot contain it
We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness
His mercy covers all that He's made
Showing His glory and His grace

CHORUS X2

Benediction

Ephesians 3:20

Leader

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Go in peace.

ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES (“DIACONATE”)

Tom Abbett, Katie Blodgett, Megan Flahive, Dave Ostendorf,
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