



WORSHIP GATHERING

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Welcome

New City Church is a spiritual family defined by the good news that God has taken loving initiative in Jesus Christ to bring salvation to sinners and a sin-marred world. Through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, the restoration of all things has begun, beginning with those who admit their need and trust his gracious provision. This restoration will eventually reach to the ends of the earth and touch every part of creation.

This is our joyful confession
and the life-giving hope of our community.

Gathering Song

Feel free to join in as you find your seat and prepare for worship

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 2

Leader

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”...

Congregation

**...Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

Sing to the King

by Billy Foote and Charles Silvester Horne

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation his empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

CHORUS

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

CHORUS

Jesus Paid It All

words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music: John T. Grape; arr.: Kristian Stanfill

I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness
Watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all”

CHORUS

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone

CHORUS

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
“Jesus died, my soul to save”
My lips shall still repeat

CHORUS

O praise the One
Who paid my debt
And raised this life up
From the dead
(repeat)

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sin together.

Congregation

Almighty God, to know You is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our strongest desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have often put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us feeling empty, above seeking You.

We have failed to love You with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sins for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Declaration of Pardon

From Psalm 32

Leader

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

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

Death Was Arrested

*Adam Kersh, Brandon Coker, Heath Balltzglier, Paul Taylor,
and Paul Taylor Smith*

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

Prayer

JOIN IN PRAYER LED BY NEW CITY CHURCH STAFF MEMBER OR ELDER

Sermon

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Honor the King

October 18, 2020 | various passages | Pastor Roger Williams

How do we live in a republic when we have a king?

1. Jesus is a king who has begun to reign.

Acts 2³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

2. Jesus' kingdom is present really but not yet fully.

Matt 4²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Isaiah 11 They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

3. Jesus' kingdom is not rooted in this world or its kingdoms.

John 18³⁶ Jesus answered (Pilate), “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

4. God's authority has been partially delegated to governments.

Romans 13¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of

God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

4a. Governing authorities ought to steward their delegated authority well through wisely restraining evil and promoting good.

4b. Governing authorities are accountable and will answer to God.

4c. Generally, God's people are to submit to these “sub-authorities.”
Except when: They require something God forbids
They forbid something God requires

4d. God's people are to pray for and honor these governing authorities so that they may live a “peaceful and quiet” life.

1 Timothy 2¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

5. The governing authority structures will ultimately set themselves against the Lamb, but the Lamb will be victorious.

Revelation 13 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea...⁵ And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

¹⁰If anyone is to be taken captive,
to captivity he goes;
if anyone is to be slain with the sword,
with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Ed Cash, Fionan De Barra, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached, and we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin

CHORUS

Oh sing my soul
And tell all He's done
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace
That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise

CHORUS

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save, can raise us a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home

CHORUS X2

Benediction

1 Timothy 1

Leader

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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