

WORSHIP GATHERING

January 30, 2022

Pre-service reflection:

Contrary to what we expect to be the case...the deeper into weakness and suffering and testing we go, the deeper Christ's solidarity with us. As we go down into pain and anguish, we are descending ever deeper into Christ's very heart, not away from it.

Look to Christ. He deals gently with you. It's the only way he knows how to be. He is the high priest to end all high priests. As long as you fix your attention on your sin, you will fail to see how you can be safe. But as long as you look to this high priest, you will fail to see how you can be in danger. Looking inside ourselves, we can anticipate only harshness from heaven. Looking out to Christ, we can anticipate only gentleness.

-Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*, 57

Call to Worship

Isaiah 61

Leader

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

Congregation

**to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.**

All Praise to Him

Matt Merker and Bob Kauffman

All praise to Him the God of Light
Who formed the mountains by his might
All praise to Him who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him Whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To the pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness

To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To you, the Triune God we raise
With loving hearts our songs of praise (x2)

Come to the Lord

Journey Worship Co.

Before my birth the Son was chosen
To be the One to set me free
While I was lost and surely hellbound
The perfect Son would die for me

CHORUS

O praise the Father how He welcomes
All His children He will save
Praise the Lord who condescended
Took on flesh and made a way

There on the cross the Christ was broken
And in a tomb His body lay
But on the third He claimed a victory
O'er sin and death and now He reigns

CHORUS

O hallelujah, what a Savior
Jesus died so I could live
And now by faith, I do receive Him
For He is mine and I am His

A day will come when all will see Him
The Lamb who died and took our sin
The God who saved us and sustained us
Will complete what He began

To fulfill what Christ commands
Until Heaven finally calls us
Give us grace and strength to stand

BRIDGE

If you're hurting and broken, come to the Lord
If you're weary and restless, come to the Lord
If your burden is heavy, come to the Lord
Come to the Lord
If you're suffering and needy, come to the Lord
If your hope needs restoring, come to the Lord
If you're guilty from sinning, come to the Lord
Come to the Lord
If you're haughty and prideful, come to the Lord
If you're lonely and searching, come to the Lord
If your marriage is struggling, come to the Lord
Come to the Lord
If you feel like you're too far, come to the Lord
If your past keeps you captive, come to the Lord
If you're scared of tomorrow, come to the Lord today
Come to the Lord
Come to the Lord today
Oh, come to the Lord

[CHORUS]

O hallelujah, what a Savior
Jesus died so I could live
And now by faith, I do receive Him
For He is mine and I am His

Confession of Sin

Leader

Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before you.
Forgive us the sins of our tongues—

Congregation

For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Forgive us for the sins of our eyes—

For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have given us.

Forgive us the sins of our hearts—

For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity; and above all for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love.

Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts. Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, to be transformed into your likeness, to live wholly for your glory. 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

Philippians 2

Leader

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

Jesus, Your Mercy

Bob Kauflin, Jordan Kauflin, and Nathan Stiff

Jesus, Your mercy is all my plea
I have no defense, my guilt runs too deep
The best of my works pierced
Your hands and Your feet
Jesus, Your mercy is all my plea

Jesus, Your mercy is all my boast
The goodness I claim, the grounds of my hope
Whatever I lack its still what I need most
Jesus, Your mercy is all my boast

CHORUS

Praise the king who bore my sin
Took my place when I stood condemned
Oh how good You've always been to me
I will sing of Your mercy

Jesus, Your mercy is all my rest
When fears weigh me down and enemies press
A comfort I cling to in life and in death
Jesus, Your mercy is all my rest

CHORUS

Jesus, Your mercy is all my joy
Forever I'll lift my heart and my voice
To sing of a treasure no pow'r can destroy
Jesus, Your mercy is all my joy

CHORUS

Jesus Is Alive

*James Tealy, Jaywan Maxwell, Jesse Reeves, Michael Farren,
Niki Shepherd, Tiarne Tranter*

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days
For the One that once was buried lives again
Now the tomb is bare and empty and the stone is rolled away
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave

All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak
Come find living water, everlasting streams
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world

CHORUS

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is Alive!

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear
For our sin and shame they have no power here
In His resurrection perfect love has set the captives free
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory

CHORUS X2

Hallelujah, death is undone, Hallelujah, Jesus has won
Hallelujah, we overcome, Oh in Jesus, Oh in Jesus (x3)

CHORUS X2

Statement of Faith

EACH WEEK WE CONFESS TRUTH SHARED BY CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING FROM "OUR WORLD BELONGS TO GOD."

Our World Belongs to God – adapted from Original #2-3

Leader

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him! God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

Congregation

But rebel cries sound through the world:

some, crushed by failure or hardened by pain, give up on life and hope and God;

others, shaken, but still hoping for human triumph, work feverishly to realize their dreams.

As believers in God we join this struggle of the spirits, testing our times by the Spirit's sure Word.

The Lord is Near to the Brokenhearted

January 30, 2022 | Exodus 1-3 | Pastor Roger Williams

The Lords meets his people in their distress with his rescuing presence.

Exodus 1:1-14 ¹ These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴ Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵ All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶ Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. ⁷ But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

Experience

- *Apparent absence of God*
- *Clear presence of sin and brokenness*

Exodus 2:23-25 ²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

Process

- *We groan and cry for rescue*
- *God hears, “remembers,” sees, and knows*

Exodus 3:7-14 ⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Rescuing presence

- *Future hope*
- *Personal presence*
- *Permanent confidence – “my name forever”*

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

Prayer

LED BY A NEW CITY CHURCH ELDER

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Communion

Receiving communion is an active profession that, “I receive and rest on Jesus alone for salvation and humbly submit to his Lordship in my life.”

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.

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.

There is a Fountain

Words by William Cowper; Music by Edwin Othello Excell and Lowell Mason

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die

When this poor lisp'ing stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

*DURING THIS LAST SONG, WE INVITE KIDS TO GRAB SHAKERS FROM THE
BACK OF THE GYM AND PLAY ALONG WITH US.*

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

from 2 Corinthians 13

Leader

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you...

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Go in peace.

ACTIVE DEACONS & DEACONESSES (“DIACONATE”)

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