

# WORSHIP GATHERING

February 27, 2022

*Pre-service reflections:*

“It is worth remembering David Well’s famous definition [of worldliness]: worldliness is whatever makes righteousness look strange and sin look normal. Here’s the reality facing every Christian in the West: the money, power, and prestige of the mainstream media, big time sports, big business, big tech, and almost all the institutions of education and entertainment are invested in making sin look normal.”

- Kevin DeYoung

“You will never have to say of Christ, “Well, there is much good in Him, but not as much as I expected”...It is always the highest wisdom to place all in His hands and leave it there for time and eternity. To risk all with Jesus is to end all risk.”

- Charles Spurgeon

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 105*

*Leader*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

*Congregation*

**Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**  
**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**  
**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

# Praise to the Lord

*Joachim Neander Arr. and addl. chorus by Nathan and Christy Nockels*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near  
Join Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

*CHORUS*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

*CHORUS X2*

# Come to the Lord

*Braden Benz, Ashley Briggs, Brett Perkins, Erik Reed*

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

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

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

O Holy Spirit give us power  
To fulfill what Christ commands  
Until Heaven finally calls us  
Give us grace and strength to stand

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

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*

Mighty and merciful Father, we confess together that we have sinned, straying from Your ways like lost sheep.

*Congregation*

**We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts too much, and we have broken away from Your good law. O Lord, have mercy upon us and restore those who confess their sins.**

**Restore those who are repentant, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant us, Father, for His sake, that we would live a godly, righteous, and vibrant life, to the glory of Your holy 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 8:1-4*

*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!**

# Man of Sorrows

*Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood*

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God, Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned  
Bowling to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

*CHORUS*

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son, To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree

*CHORUS*

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed

*CHORUS*

See the stone is rolled away, Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised, He's risen from the grave!

*CHORUS*

# 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



# Statement of Faith

*EACH WEEK WE CONFESS TRUTH SHARED BY CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. TODAY WE ARE USING THE NEW CITY CATECHISM (FROM THE GOSPEL COALITION), #7 & 8*

*Leader*

What does the law of God require?

*Congregation*

**Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.**

*Leader*

What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

*Congregation*

**You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.**

# God's Covenant with Israel

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## Exodus 19

<sup>1</sup> On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

## Exodus 20

And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate

me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

<sup>18</sup> Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off <sup>19</sup> and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” <sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” <sup>21</sup> The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

# 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.

# Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

*Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren*

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need His power is displayed  
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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

# Tell Out My Soul

*words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1962 ; music: Holly Dutton, 2004*

Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice  
Tender to me the promise of His word  
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might the deeds His arm has done  
His mercy sure from age to age the same  
His holy name-the Lord the mighty One

Tell out, my soul the greatness of His might!  
Powers, dominions lay their glory by  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul the glories of His word!  
Firm is His promise and His mercy sure  
Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forever more!

# 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.



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