



New City Church Home Worship Liturgy

March 15, 2020

The Call To Worship ~ based on Psalm 135 ~

Read Aloud: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to His name for it is pleasant. Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your renown, O Lord, through-out all ages.

Prayer Of Adoration

Father in this confusing and anxious time in the life of our world, we lean on your promises and pray with the psalmist – *“The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ‘Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!’ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”* **Psalm 46:6-11**

Call To Repentance & Renewal ~ based on Hebrews 4 & Psalm 51 ~

Read Aloud: The Scriptures teach us that in every respect our Lord Jesus Christ was tempted as we are, yet he was without sin. Let us therefore cry out with the Psalmist, “Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!” Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find help in our time of need.

The Words Of The Gospel ~ based on Romans 5 & 8; Acts 10 ~

Read Aloud: God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. There is, therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because, as all the prophets testify about Christ, everyone who believes in Him receives the forgiveness of sins through His name. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I say to you that in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven!

Song Of Response “Doxology” – *(If you don’t know this song, feel free to sing something you know)*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Prayers Of The People For The Church & City

Father in heaven, we pray for our great city. People are anxious and confused and their lack of real hope is being exposed as they rush to hoard food and other necessities because they think that by these things they will be saved from the effects of COVID 19. We pray that you would use this terrible virus to rouse those in our city. That you would use their anxiety to show them your peace. That you would expose their lack of hope and show them the hope of the Gospel.

We know that you use your Church to convey your hope, peace and love to the world, and we pray that you would use us to be minister of the gospel to our neighbours. Give us eyes to see the opportunities to love them, and hearts that would be moved to show your love for them. Help us to see that this troubling time is an opportunity for you to be glorified in Calgary.

And in all this we also pray for healing of this virus. We pray that you would give the doctors and researchers great insight and skill to isolate the virus and develop a cure for it. We pray for healing for those who have contracted the virus and we pray for protection for those who have not contracted it. We think specifically of the seniors in our congregation and at the Silvera Confederation Park facility that we meet in. We have been told that this virus hits this demographic hardest, and we pray that they would be protected from infection.

Thank you that we have your peace in this time and help us to be ministers of that peace in our city. Amen.

Presentation Of Our Tithes & Offerings

While we are not meeting in person, we encourage you to give online through our website and giving platform.

Today's Scripture Lesson

"Word of Warning" Amos 3:1-8

Go to <https://www.newcitychurch.ca/resources/sermons> to hear today's sermon from the passage below.

3 Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

- ² “You only have I known
of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you
for all your iniquities.
- ³ “Do two walk together,
unless they have agreed to meet?
- ⁴ Does a lion roar in the forest,
when he has no prey?
Does a young lion cry out from his den,
if he has taken nothing?
- ⁵ Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth,
when there is no trap for it?
Does a snare spring up from the ground,
when it has taken nothing?
- ⁶ Is a trumpet blown in a city,
and the people are not afraid?
Does disaster come to a city,
unless the LORD has done it?
- ⁷ “For the Lord GOD does nothing
without revealing his secret
to his servants the prophets.
- ⁸ The lion has roared;
who will not fear?
The Lord GOD has spoken;
who can but prophesy?”

Song Of Response “Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home,
And grace will lead us home.

Our Confession Of Faith ~ based on 1 Cor 15:1-6; Matt 16:16; Rev 22:13; & John 20:28

If you are worshipping with more than one person, have everyone recite this confession together.

This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast: ... that Christ Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve, and then he appeared to over five hundred witnesses at one time. ... We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Benediction ~ 2 Corinthians 13:13 ~

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