



THE BOOK OF
PHILIPPIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

— Psalm 100



CONFESSION



Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



ASSURANCE



God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.



PASSING THE PEACE



GIVING



There is nothing we have that we have not received; all we have and are belong to God, bought with the blood of Jesus. To spend everything on ourselves, and to give without sacrifice is the way of the world that Our Father cannot abide. Holy Spirit, strengthen us to give generously until there are no needy among us.



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Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.



For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

— Philippians 1:27-30



**What does it mean to be a
“colony of heaven?”**



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- **Parousia:** the presence or official arrival of the Emperor



Live faithfully now as a colony of citizens of that heavenly imperial city, in the midst of this colony of Rome. Your Lord and Savior - your "Emperor" - is Jesus, whose cruciform pattern of faith, love, power, and hope is the city charter of your colony. And as you live by this charter, do so in unity, for you must be one as you face persecution together for the sake of Christ, just as I, Paul, am imprisoned - though the gospel we sing, preach, and live is not.

— Michael Gorman



The Paradox: Protest & Participation



Contested Formation



When we fail to recognize the liturgical nature of our public institutions as liturgical bodies, we also fail to recognize their deformative power. The state is not just a neutral, benign space I can stride into with my ideas and beliefs. The state isn't just the guardian of rights; it is also a nexus of rites that are bent on shaping what is most fundamental: my loves. The state doesn't just ask me to make a decision; it asks me to pledge allegiance.



Governing isn't just something you do; it does something to you...The rites of the earthly city are not only managed by the state or government, the ethos of the polis is fostered in stadiums and arenas too. The "political" is wider than government.

— James KA Smith



Community of Cruciformity



COMMUNION



BENEDICTION



May your struggles keep you near the cross.
May your troubles show that you need God.
May your battles end the way they should.
May your bad days prove that God is good.
May your whole life prove that God is good.

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

