



**PALM  
SUNDAY**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2024  
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## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 7

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God of hosts!

**People: Heaven and earth are full of his glory!**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## ❖ CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

DIADEMATA, Matthew Bridges and George J. Elvey

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## ❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

conclude with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, #1

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## ❖ HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Sandra McCracken and James Montgomery

*Chorus:*

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son*

*Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun*

*His reign on earth begun*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free  
To take away transgression and rule in equity *(Ch)*

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls condemned and dying were precious in his sight *(Ch)*

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers spring in his path to birth

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove  
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love *(Ch)*

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### DRIVE OUT THE DARKNESS

Dan Marotta, Isaac Wardell, John Swinton, & Paul Zach

Come, O come be our light  
Drive out the darkness  
Come, Jesus come

Every year under the thorn  
Every wrong that we have known  
Every valley will be raised  
Ancient ruins will be remade *(Ch)*

*Chorus:*

*Come, O come be our light*

*Drive out the darkness*

*Come, Jesus come*

Every weapon made for war  
Every gun and every sword  
Will be melted in the flame  
To be used for gardening (*Ch*)

In the emptiness of grief  
Through the night of suffering  
In the loss and in the tears  
God our comfort, O be near

*Chorus 2:*

*Come, O come*

*Be our light, drive out the darkness*

*Come, O come*

*Be our light, drive out the darkness*

*Come end all the violence*

*Come do not be silent*

*Come hold to your promise*

*Come break all injustice*

*Come, Jesus come*

#### **✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more  
in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ the light of the world. Amen.

#### **❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PEACE OF GOD**

**Leader:** Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.  
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.  
In the name of Jesus, rejoice in his forgiveness!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you!**



## THE OFFERING

### IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

by Philip P. Bliss, arr John Dempsey

Paul Brennan, *piano*  
James Romig, *horn*  
Paul Tierce, *trombone*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 12:12-15, Revelation 19:11-21, p. 899 & 1040  
San Juan 12:12-15, El Apocalipsis 19:11-21, p. 1487 & 1723

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

“The Already and Not Yet”  
*Revelation*

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing of a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward to partake. If you are not a Christian, have not been admitted to the Lord's table, or choose not to partake you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed in front of your body to receive a blessing.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: *Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

Come and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

*During communion, wine and grape juice are served.*

*Grape juice, in a purple cup, is available upon request.*

*All communion bread is gluten-free.*

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.*

## HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Ada Habershon and Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast

*Chorus:*

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast (*Ch*)

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast  
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last (*Ch 2x*)

## FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Christopher Miner and William W. How

For all the saints who from their labors rest  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy Name O Jesus be forever blessed  
Alleluia, Allelu

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Allelu

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way,  
Alleluia, Allelu

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Revelation 1:5-6

Minister: And now, having feasted at God’s table of goodness and love, let us go forth to declare his glory to all the earth.

**People: Hallelujah! We go in the name of Christ!**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois’s Genevan Psalter, Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen

**Worship Leaders**

<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>keyboard</i>
<i>Joe Deegan</i>	<i>guitar &amp; vocals</i>
<i>Paul Duffin</i>	<i>electric guitar</i>
<i>Conrad Guthrie</i>	<i>bass</i>
<i>Michelle Hays</i>	<i>violin</i>
<i>Travis Henthorn</i>	<i>drums</i>
<i>Clay Holland</i>	<i>liturgy</i>
<i>John Trapp</i>	<i>sermon</i>
<i>Steven Wiggs</i>	<i>cello</i>
<i>Jessica Wrabel</i>	<i>vocals</i>

**Audio/Visual Team**

<i>David Breed</i>	<i>camera</i>
<i>Zach Day</i>	<i>audio</i>
<i>Ozzie Fong</i>	<i>camera</i>
<i>Kyunghee Kim</i>	<i>projections</i>
<i>Namath Naif</i>	<i>technical director</i>

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*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.  
For a full list of upcoming events,  
please visit [christtheaking.com](http://christtheaking.com).*

## Sunday Morning at Christ the King

**9:00 am**  
**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**  
Infant - 4 years

**Children's Worship**  
K-2nd grade  
Children will be dismissed from  
the worship service.

**Adult Sunday Morning Class**  
(3rd Floor)

**10:30 am**  
**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**  
Infant - 1 years

**Sunday School**  
2 - 4 years old (1st floor)  
K - 3rd grade (2nd floor)  
Code 45 - 4th & 5th graders  
(Through the Great Hall,  
and up the stairs)

**Student Ministry**  
**Sunday Mornings**  
6th - 12th grade  
(3rd floor)

**Adult Sunday Morning Class**  
(3rd Floor)

## Sunday Morning Classes

Adult Sunday Morning classes are a great place to be taught, inspired, and encouraged in our walk with Jesus. You can jump into any class at any time. All are welcome! No registration necessary. All classes meet on the 3rd floor.

9:00 am	Room A300	Hebrews
10:30 am	The Redeemer Room	Hebrews

## Upcoming Events

Today	Spring Picnic	11:45 am	The Fields
Tonight	Student Ministry Sunday Nights	5:30 pm	Christ the King
3/27	Midweek Prayer	12:00 pm	The Sanctuary
3/28	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm	The Sanctuary
3/29	Good Friday Services	5:30 & 7:00 pm	The Sanctuary
3/29	Stations of the Cross (K-3)	5:30 pm	The Great Hall
3/31	Easter Services	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	The Sanctuary
3/31	No Sunday School - children through adults		
4/2	Men's Breakfast & Book Study Kick-off	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
4/2	Focus Group	7:00 pm	Room A300
4/4	Focus Group	7:00 pm	Room A300
4/4	Young Adults Monthly Meal	7:30 pm	429 W 13th
4/7	Focus Group	11:45 am	Room A300
4/10	Women's Spring Luncheon	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	The Great Hall

# FOCUS GROUPS

[christtheking.com/focus-groups](http://christtheking.com/focus-groups)

## Focus Group Meetings

Our hope is that each of you would join us at a Focus Group meeting to see facility renderings, hear about new ministry opportunities that will be enhanced with proposed new spaces, and more. The Focus Group meetings are a time to provide your input and ask your questions about future capital projects and ministry opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact Tyson Stittleburg at [tyson.stittleburg@christtheking.com](mailto:tyson.stittleburg@christtheking.com) and scan the QR code for a list of dates.

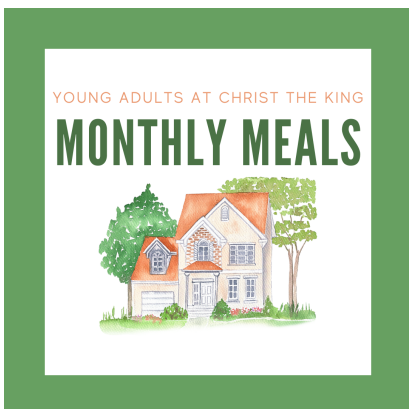


## Men's Breakfast/Book Study Kickoff

*April 2, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall*

During the Men's Breakfast in April, we will kick off an eye-opening, three-week book study of *Fight for Freedom*, a book by Freedom Church Alliance.

We hope you will return on April 9 and 16 as each week we will hear from key leaders in this fight against human trafficking and discuss topics from the book. Breakfast will be provided all three weeks. Sign up and get your book at [christtheking.com/men](http://christtheking.com/men).



## Young Adults Monthly Meal

*Thursday, April 4, 7:30 pm, 429 W 13th*

Join us for some great food and an opportunity to connect with other Young Adults. Invite your friends and join us!





## Women's Spring Luncheon

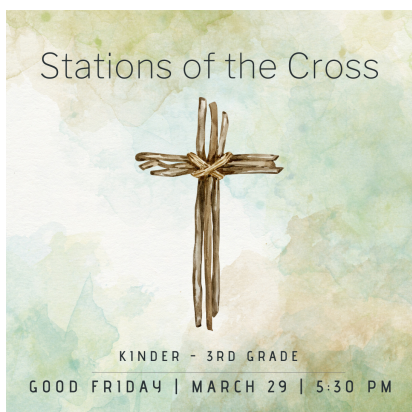
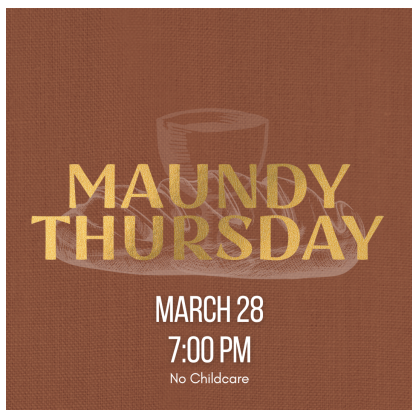
April 10, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, The Great Hall

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of encouragement and lunch with Tara Gibbs, author and teacher. As always we would love for you to invite your friends.

Please sign up to attend and reserve childcare at [christtheking.com/women](http://christtheking.com/women).



Holy Week commemorates Jesus' last week here on earth culminating with our celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. This Sunday, Palm Sunday, is the beginning of that journey. We will continue our reflection with Maundy Thursday, which is the commemoration of the institution of the Lord's Supper, and then Good Friday, as we meditate on the betrayal, crucifixion, death, burial, and prophecy of Jesus. You can find all of the details at [christtheking.com/easter](http://christtheking.com/easter).



## Mission Spotlight

### Harbor Christian Academy

Harbor Christian Academy, located in the Denver Harbor area of Houston, provides a classical educational model to students from varied backgrounds, to the glory of God. At Harbor Christian Academy, students are taught all subjects based on the principle that God is Creator of all that exists, and consequently, all knowledge is interrelated and points back to Him. Therefore, Christ is at the core of all learning. The school uses a "Partner Funding Model" which helps families and students, regardless of financial means, achieve their educational goals. If you are interested in becoming a partner, or would like more information about the school, please reach out to Beverly Smith (Co-Founder & Board Member) at [beverlysmith@gmail.com](mailto:beverlysmith@gmail.com).

## Care at Christ the King

### Congregational Prayers

Can we pray for you? Let us know at [christtheking.com/care](http://christtheking.com/care) or contact [catherine.duffin@christtheking.com](mailto:catherine.duffin@christtheking.com).

### Deacons at Christ the King

The deacons come alongside our church body to assist with needs like encouragement and prayer, budgeting and financial coaching, and helping widows and elderly. If you have a need, or know of a need, please email them at [deacons@christtheking.com](mailto:deacons@christtheking.com).

### The Barnabas Center

We are honored to help you find healing, understanding, and hope in your life and current circumstances through Christ-centered professional counseling. Please visit our website at [barnabascenterhou.com](http://barnabascenterhou.com) for more information and to connect with a counselor.

## Ministry Budget Update

2024 Ministry Budget Goal	\$ 5,988,118
Budgeted giving through 03/17/2024	\$ 1,266,717
Received as of 03/17/2024	\$ 600,952
Variance	\$ (665,765)

### Giving to Christ the King

It is by your consistent generosity that we are able to support our Mission Partners in Houston and around the world and continue life changing ministry here at Christ the King. You can give today by placing checks or cash in the offering plate as it comes by. And you can always give at [christtheking.com/giving](http://christtheking.com/giving).



## Pastors at Christ the King

Our staff is excited to come alongside you as you grow in your worship of Christ and your love and care for one another. Please contact any of us with questions or needs.

You can find contact information for all of our staff and pastors at [christtheking.com/staff](http://christtheking.com/staff).

**Clay Holland**

**John Trapp**

**Andrés Zelaya**

Pastor, Family Ministry

Senior Pastor

Pastor, Adult Ministry