



ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 28, 2024
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

People: O LORD, my God, you are very great!

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**People: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD!**

❖ REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

DARWALL, John Darwall and Charles Wesley

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice

Rejoice, again I say rejoice

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n (*Ref*)

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet (*Ref*)

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take his servants up to their eternal home (*Ref*)

We soon shall hear, the angels' voice

The trump of God shall sound rejoice

❖ 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

from Philippians 2

Leader: Whom do we worship as our Lord and King?

**People: We worship Jesus Christ as our Lord and King,
“Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be grasped, but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**

**And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient
to death – even death on a cross!**

**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”**

❖ ONLY A HOLY GOD

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else can make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God

Chorus:

*Come and behold him, the one and the only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God (*Ch 2x*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God, only my holy God (*Ch 2x*)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Audrey Assad and Henry Hallum Tweeny

O Spirit of the living God
Thou Light and Fire divine
Descend upon thy Church once more
And make it truly thine
Fill it with love and joy and power
With righteousness and peace
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts
And sin and sorrow cease

Blow wind of God, with wisdom blow
Until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt
Which blind our eyes to thee
Burn winged Fire, inspire our lips
With flaming love and zeal
To preach to all thy great good news
God's glorious commonweal

So shall we know the power of Christ
Who came this world to save
So shall we rise with him to life
Which soars beyond the grave
And earth shall win true holiness
Which makes thy children whole
Till perfected by thee we reach
Creation's glorious goal

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, deeper than our sin.

Forgive our shallow attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of others, our neglect of your wise law.

Change us by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that we may desire what is good,
love what you love, and do what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Leader: Because of the love of God the Father, in Christ,
by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven.

People: Praise be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 11:1-14, p. 1034
El Apocalipsis 11:1-14, p. 1713

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“Two Witnesses”
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 & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: *Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

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

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*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.*

Prayer of Seeking 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. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to 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, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

Oración de buscar la verdad

Señor Jesús, tú afirmas ser el camino, la verdad y la vida. Si lo que afirmas es cierto, por favor guíame, enséñame y ábreme la realidad de quién eres. Concédeme que podría no desanimarme por el costo de seguirte mientras considero las razones para hacerlo. Dame una comprensión de ti que sea coherente, convincente y que conduzca a la vida que prometes. Amén.

Oración de Creencia

Señor Jesús, admito que soy más débil y más pecador de lo que nunca antes creía, pero a través de ti, soy más amado y aceptado de lo que nunca me atreví a esperar. Te agradezco por pagar mi deuda, llevar mi castigo en la cruz y ofrecer perdón y nueva vida. Sabiendo que has resucitado entre los muertos, me aparto de mis pecados y te recibo como mi Salvador. Amén.

Oración de acceso humilde

No presumo venir a esta mesa, oh Señor de misericordia, confiando en mi propia bondad, si no sólo en tu justicia acreditada a mí. No soy digno tanto como para recoger las migajas debajo de tu mesa. Pero tú eres el mismo Señor cuya manera es siempre mostrar misericordia. Concédeme, pues, oh Señor, la gracia de comulgar ahora con Cristo por la fe, para que pueda vivir cada vez más en él y él en mí. Amén.

GOD'S HIGHWAY

Sandra McCracken and Thad Cockrell

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear
I cannot see the way from here
But on we go, he knows the way
And in his arms he keeps me safe

Chorus:

*Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway*

The shadows flee, the valley is deep
But evil cannot conquer me
Your rod and staff, they protect me
You give me rest, you give me peace (Ch)

I see the shore from troubled seas
This tiny ship that carries me
It is not yet but it will be
So heaven come, it's you we need (Ch)

I'm holding onto you Lord
You're holding onto me (3x) (Ch 2x)

❖ ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

Christopher Miner and Samuel Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie
All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

Chorus:

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in his bosom rest (*Ch 2x*)

❖ BENEDICTION

from Isaiah 43

Minister: "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD,
"and my servant whom I have chosen,
that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he." Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

❖ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDDTH, 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>Jana Fay & Charles Bacarisse</i>	<i>reading</i>
<i>Joe Beam</i>	<i>drums</i>
<i>Rebecca Brown</i>	<i>prayer</i>
<i>Daniel Campbell</i>	<i>keyboard & vocals</i>
<i>Joe Deegan</i>	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
<i>Micaela Dougan</i>	<i>vocals</i>
<i>Sam Cornelius</i>	<i>electric guitar</i>
<i>Conrad Guthrie</i>	<i>bass</i>
<i>Clay Holland</i>	<i>liturgy</i>
<i>Natalie Mann</i>	<i>violin</i>
<i>John Trapp</i>	<i>sermon</i>
<i>Steven Wiggs</i>	<i>cello</i>

Audio/Visual Team

<i>John Bard</i>	<i>video director</i>
<i>David Breed</i>	<i>camera</i>
<i>Zach Day</i>	<i>audio</i>
<i>Ozzie Fong</i>	<i>camera</i>
<i>Andrew Gill</i>	<i>camera</i>
<i>Namath Naif</i>	<i>technical director</i>
<i>Joe Bill Whittenburg</i>	<i>projections</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.*

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

Tonight	Student Ministry Sunday Nights	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
1/31	Midweek Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 pm	The Sanctuary
2/1	Young Adults Monthly Meal	7:00 pm	1434 Glourie Drive
2/4	Kindergarten & 1st Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am - 1:00 pm	The Playgrounds
2/6	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
2/8	Women's Galentine's Game Night	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Various Homes
2/9 - 2/10	Membership Class	Fri: 6:00 - 8:30 pm Sat: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	The Great Hall
2/11	Informational Meeting	11:45 am - 1:00 pm	The Sanctuary
2/12	Jesus Loves Me Party	9:30 - 11:30 am	The Great Hall
2/14	Ash Wednesday	7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm	The Sanctuary
2/15	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
2/16-2/18	Men's Retreat		Stoney Creek Ranch



Young Adults Monthly Meal

February 1, 7:00 pm, 1434 Glourie Drive

Join us for home-cooked meal and fellowship. Invite your friends and join us!



Kindergarten & 1st Grade Family Lunch

Sunday, February 4, 11:45 am, The Playgrounds

Join other kindergarteners and 1st graders and their families for pizza and fun on the playgrounds after church. Register at christtheking.com/children.



Men's Breakfast

February 6, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall

Join us for breakfast and to be challenged by an encouraging word from one of our pastors. Send a personal invite to a friend, a neighbor or a co-worker and we'll see you there!



Women's Ministry Galentine's Game Night

February 8, 7:00 pm, Various homes

Come play games as we meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Invite your friends and neighbors for a casual night of fun! Please sign up at christtheking.com/women so we know how many women to plan for at each location.



INFORMATIONAL MEETING



Informational Meeting

February 11, 11:45 am, The Sanctuary

We can't wait to share some of the ways God has been at work through Christ the King and cast a vision for the future of our church. We want you to partner with us in the ministry of the church, so please mark your calendars to join us as we share in the vision together.



Membership Class

February 9-10, The Great Hall

Join us as we dive deeper into the mission, vision and values of Christ the King. You'll meet some of the pastors, elders, leaders, and staff members who are eager to walk alongside you on your spiritual journey. This class does not obligate you to become a member, but it is required if you are pursuing membership. Sign up at christtheking.com/membership.



Ash Wednesday

February 14, 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, The Sanctuary

We hope you will join us for any of our three Ash Wednesday services where we will have communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes. Childcare will not be available during these services.



Men's Retreat

February 16-18, Stoney Creek Ranch, New Ulm, TX

You're invited to a weekend filled with encouraging, gospel-centered teachings as we grow closer in community and relationship with God. There will be plenty of time for pickleball, skeet shooting, ropes courses, fishing, whiffle ball, bonfires, board games, nature walks and much more! Our speaker will be Keith Berger, with Reformed University Fellowship. Sign up at christtheking.com/men.

Giving to Christ the King

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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.



Mission Spotlight

Freedom Church Alliance

Freedom Church Alliance engages the Church as a unified, collaborative body to make a greater impact in the anti-human trafficking movement with the ultimate goal of survivors encountering the love, hope, and healing that Jesus offers. They serve as an alliance with the Church, law enforcement, and organizations who are fighting human trafficking.

This April our Men's Bible Studies will take part in a four week study using Freedom Church Alliance's book, *Fight For Freedom*.

Care at Christ the King

Congregational Prayers

Can we pray for you? Let us know at christtheking.com/care or contact 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.

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 for more information and to connect with a counselor.

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.

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