



CHRIST THE KING
H O U S T O N

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 24, 2026
PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Romans 5 and Psalm 105

Minister: The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

People: We dwell in him and he in us.

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: Make known his deeds among the people,

Minister: Sing to him; sing praises to him!

People: Speak of all his marvelous works!

❖ THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

TERRA BEATA, Maltbie D. Babcock, Edward Shippen Barnes, Joe Deegan, and Franklin Sheppard

This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit:

Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism, #53

Minister: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

All: First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.

Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

❖ **10,000 REASONS / 10,000 RAZONES**

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship his holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

Worship his holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Coro:

Que todo lo que soy, alabe al Señor

Con todo mi corazón

De tu grande amor cantaré

Tu nombre alabaré

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (*Coro*)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (*Chorus & Coro*)

Yo tu nombre alabaré

Yes I'll worship his holy name

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-11

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

BE STILL, MY SOUL

Katharina A. Von Schlege, Jane Borthwick, & Jean Sibelius

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change, He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul: Thy best, thy heavenly, Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrows forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you. Some of our sin we know – thoughts, words, and deeds we are ashamed of – but some only you know.

In the name of Jesus Christ we ask your forgiveness. Have mercy on us, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Minister: “I will take you out of the nations;
I will gather you from all the countries.
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you
a heart of flesh.”

People: “I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your God.”

Minister: Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

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

People: And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:1-9
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON “The God Who Scatters and Gathers” Rev. Alex Martinez
Pentecost

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.

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.

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.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Brian Moss and Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation by water and the Word
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace ended

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy, Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (*Ch*)

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength (*Ch*)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom (*Ch*)

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: May the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

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

Paul Brennan	<i>piano</i>
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>
Alex Martinez	<i>sermon</i>
Erika Michaelsen	<i>scripture reader</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>

Audio/Visual Team

John Bard	<i>video director</i>
Ozzie Fong	<i>camera</i>
Quin Gomez-Wright	<i>camera</i>
Samuel Hunniford	<i>camera</i>
Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Alex Rollo	<i>Spanish translation</i>

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*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.
For a full list of upcoming events,
please visit christtheking.com.*

Today at Christ the King

9:00 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - PreK

Children's Worship
K-2nd grade

Children will be dismissed from
the worship service.

10:30 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 4 years

Sunday Morning Classes

There will be no Sunday School classes today for children, students, or adults as we take a break for the holiday weekend.

Next week through June 28, Sunday morning classes will feature a variety of "open topics," including teacher-selected subjects and discussions based on questions submitted by our congregation.

We currently offer three class options each Sunday morning—two at 9:00 am and one at 10:30 am. College students home for the summer are encouraged to join the Young Adults class at 9:00 am in the Redeemer Room.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following both worship services on Sunday, June 21, for the purpose of electing Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Trustees of Christ the King. If you are a communing member of Christ the King, please make it a priority to attend this important election.

Upcoming Events

6/3	Churchwide VBS Workday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Christ the King
6/5	Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer & Fasting		
6/5	Student Ministry Guys Pump Up	7:00 - 8:30 am	The Fields
6/5	Student Ministry Girls Walk & Talk	7:30 - 9:00 am	6237 Locke Ln
6/5 - 6/6	Membership Class		
6/7	Preparing for Baptism Class	10:30 am	Room A300
6/7	The Traveling Table	12:30 pm	1148 Silber
6/9	Women's Summer Salad Supper	7:00 - 9:00 pm	The Great Hall
6/12	World Cup Celebration	5:30 - 8:30 pm	The Great Hall
6/21	Congregational Meeting	After each service	The Sanctuary
8/28 - 8/30	Church Camp		Camp Cho-Yeh



VBS WORKDAY

VBS Churchwide Workday

June 3, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Christ the King

All hands on deck! Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we'd love your help with all the preparations! Childcare will be provided (no registration necessary). Older children may work alongside a parent.



Day of Prayer & Fasting

June 5

As part of Building Toward the Promise, we are setting aside a Day of Prayer and Fasting as we finalize building plans and seek the Lord's direction together. We invite you to intentionally make space that day to pray for wisdom, discernment, unity, and God's clear leading for this project. As you are able, consider fasting from a meal, social media, or another regular rhythm, and use that time to draw near to the Lord in prayer.



Membership Class

June 5 & 6

If you're considering making Christ the King your church home, we invite you to join us for our next Membership Class. This is the best place to learn who we are, what we believe, and what it means to walk together as a church family.



World Cup Celebration

June 12, 5:30-8:30 pm, The Great Hall

Put on your jersey and join us for a World Cup Celebration at CTK! Enjoy music, snacks, sodas, and fun activities for all ages. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by emailing alec.sotelo@christtheking.com or WhatsApp at (832) 540-6344. We'd love to see you there!

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.

Stacey Croft
Clay Holland
Alex Martinez
John Trapp
Andrés Zelaya

Pastor, Adult Ministry
Pastor, Family Ministry
Pastor, Latino Ministry
Senior Pastor
Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 5/17	\$	2,976,817
Received as of 5/17	\$	1,940,209
Variance	\$	(1,036,607)

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.



SUMMER SERVING

Christ the King partners with local ministries and organizations who strengthen our community and share the gospel. For a list of all our Mission Partners and upcoming serving opportunities, scan the QR code to visit our website, christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Agape Development - Help as a Camp Agape assistant, serve camp breakfast, lunches, and snacks, or lead a Camp Agape short course. (June 15 - July 16).

Freedom Church Alliance - Women are invited to volunteer for Digital Outreach on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church (8300 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024). Email stacy@freedomchurchalliance.org.

Houston Welcomes Refugees - Prepare a refresh kit, be part of the welcome team, or help provide and deliver weekly groceries! (times vary based on your schedule)

Made with Love - Join us in the Christ the King Kitchen on the 3rd Thursday of the month (July 17 and August 15) for our meal preparation days either at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. No cooking experience necessary!

Memorial Assistance Ministry - Help in the resale store and warehouse, teach ESL classes (at CTK), be a small business coach, or help with various administrative tasks! (days and times vary). Restock Workday: May 17 and August 23 from 1-4pm.

Prestige Learning Institute- Equip, educate and empower our refugee and immigrant clients as teachers and classroom helpers. May 21 -June 18, Tuesday-Thursday.

Choose 1 of 3 options: Women's classes: 9:30-11:30am, 12:30-2:30pm. Men's classes: 3-5pm.

Volunteer orientation: May 18, 6:30-8:30pm.

Questions and sign-up to volunteer@prestigeinstitute.org.

Star of Hope - Organize/pack backpacks, serve a meal, make sack lunches, hurricane kits, housewarming gift baskets, hope bags, notes of encouragement, and more! (days and times vary).