



PARABLES OF JESUS

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 21, 2024  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

People: **We will praise God with all our heart  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

## ❖ CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Easter Hymn, Lyra Davidica, Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia  
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply, alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, alleluia  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, alleluia  
Death in vain forbids his rise, alleluia  
Christ hath opened Paradise, alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting, alleluia  
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave, alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia  
Following our exalted Head, alleluia  
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n, alleluia  
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia  
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia  
Hail the Resurrection thou, alleluia

## ❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

We give you thanks, great God,  
for the hope we have in Jesus,  
who died but is risen and rules over all.

We praise you for his presence with us.  
Because he lives, we look for eternal life,  
knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come  
can separate us from your great love  
made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## ❖ INDESCRIBABLE

Laura Story & Jesse Reeves

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing your majesty  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

*Chorus:*

*Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And you know them by name  
You are amazing God*

*All powerful, untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom (*Ch*)

*You are amazing God  
You are amazing God (Ch)*

*Incomparable, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And you love me the same  
You are amazing God*

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

## 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*)

## ✚ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we come to you with the penitence  
of the prodigal son, confessing that we have sinned.

You give freely of the bread of life to all  
who seek your fullness, and you bestow  
a father's blessing on every returning wanderer.  
We have wandered from you.

We have used the goods you have given us  
as though they belonged to us,  
forgetting that our life and breath and all things are from you.  
Often we have lived as if we had no heavenly Father  
to thank for such goodness.

We sought pleasure and approval from others,  
but found no acceptance or belonging.  
We sought food for our wants in earthly pleasures,  
but found only husks to our souls.  
And now we come back crying for mercy, longing to be fed.

Thank you for continually drawing us back from our wanderings.  
Be merciful, O God, and grant us forgiveness. Amen.

## ❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PEACE OF GOD

Leader: All who believe in Christ receive  
forgiveness of sins through his name.

**People: Thanks be to God for his forgiveness!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

## THE OFFERING

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-2, 11-24, p. 874  
San Lucas 15:1-2, 11-24, p.1444

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

“A Slave or a Son?”

# 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 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 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.*

## JESUS CAST A LOOK ON ME

Matthew Jones and John Berridge

Jesus cast a look on me  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low  
Seeking only Thee to know  
  
All that feeds my busy pride  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit  
Lay me humbly at Thy Feet  
  
Make me like a little child  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light  
Walking only in Thy might  
  
Leaning on Thy loving breast  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God  
Flowing from His precious blood  
  
In this posture let me live  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die  
And hosannas ever cry!

# O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

George Matheson and Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in thee  
I give thee back the life I owe  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be

O light that followest all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in thy sunshines blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

## ❖ BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

**Minister:** May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

**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

Joe Beam	<i>drums</i>
Tim Brown	<i>keyboard</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar &amp; vocals</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>
Mike McClure	<i>prayer</i>
Scott Mochan	<i>electric guitar/mandolin</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
Paul Tierce	<i>bass</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>
Andrés Zelaya	<i>liturgy</i>

### Audio/Visual Team

John Bard	<i>camera</i>
Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Judy Jackson	<i>projections</i>
Spencer Jackson	<i>video director</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Pook Saudale	<i>camera</i>
Joe Bill Whittenburg	<i>camera</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](http://christtheKing.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	Traveling Table Lunch	12:30 - 2:30 pm	1370 Afton or 1118 Coldstream
5/2	Young Adults Monthly Meal	7:00 pm	10163 Hanka Dr
5/26	No Sunday School - Children through Adults		
6/3 - 6/6	Armored Sports Camp	8:30 - 11:30 am	Christ the King
6/5	Churchwide VBS Work Day	9:30 - 11:30 am	Christ th eKing
6/7 - 6/8	Membership Class	Fri: 6:00 - 8:30 pm Sat: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	The Great Hall
6/17-6/21	Vacation Bible School	9:30 am - 12:00 pm	Christ the King

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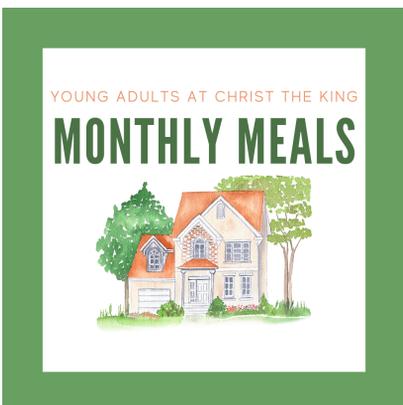


Each week, as we gather together for worship, teams of volunteers make the ministry of the church come to life. We need many hands to help these ministries thrive. As a part of the church body, we hope that every member will find a place to serve others in the church.



**Traveling Table Lunch**  
*Today! 12:30 - 2:30 pm*

Join us for lunch at La Veranda (1118 Coldstream Rd) or Providence at Memorial (1370 Afton St, Houston/Westview) apartment complexes. We would love for you to join us to eat lunch and play games as we build connection and community with our neighbors on Silber Road. No sign up necessary.



**Young Adults Monthly Meal**  
*Thursday, May 2, 7:00 pm, 10163 Hanka Dr*

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

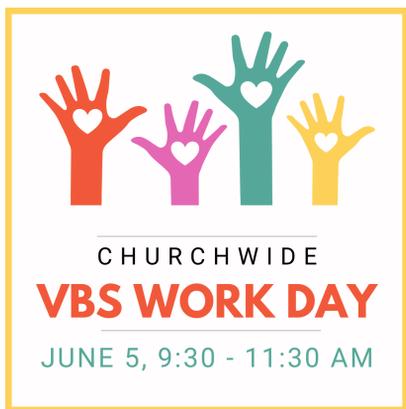


### **Armored Sports Camp**

*June 3 - 6, 8:30 - 11:30 am, Christ the King*

For ages 4-8, this camp will feature the basics of basketball, indoor soccer, and lots of other fun & goofy games.

For ages 7-8, we will play fun games like Dodgeball, Kickball, Capture the Flag and others revolving around classic sports like Basketball, Flag football, and Soccer. Register at [christtheking.com/children](http://christtheking.com/children).



### **Churchwide VBS Work Day**

*Wednesday, June 5, 9:30 - 11:30 am*

Vacation Bible School is a churchwide outreach ministry to the families in our church and our city. Even if you cannot help the week of VBS, we would love to have your help as we prepare props and crafts and so much more!



### **Membership Class**

*June 7 & 8, 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. You can sign up and reserve childcare at [christtheking.com/membership](http://christtheking.com/membership).



### **Vacation Bible School**

*June 17-21, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm*

Join us this summer at Vacation Bible School as we travel around the Wide, Wide World, meeting Christ the King Mission Partners and learning that Jesus is King over all creation.

Register to attend and to volunteer at [christtheking.com/children](http://christtheking.com/children).

## Mission Spotlight

### Memorial Assistance Ministries

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) is a non-profit committed to helping families across Houston for over 40 years. Founded in 1983 by 13 faith communities of different denominations, MAM has developed 6 interrelated programs to help families weather a crisis and achieve stability - family assistance, employment services, ESL and citizenship classes, financial education, immigration services and mental health counseling. MAM has two resale shops located in Spring Branch and the Heights which help fund the programs and services they offer the community. Last year their services directly impacted 15,620 individuals, from 40 different countries, who have settled in our area. If you would like to know more about Memorial Assistance Ministry and how you can volunteer and get involved, please reach out to Kim Dolibois, Mission & Mercy Coordinator for Christ the King at [kim.dolibois@christtheking.com](mailto:kim.dolibois@christtheking.com).

## 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).

<b>Clay Holland</b>	Pastor, Family Ministry
<b>Alex Martinez</b>	Pastor, Latino Ministry
<b>John Trapp</b>	Senior Pastor
<b>Andrés Zelaya</b>	Pastor, Adult Ministry

## 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 04/14/2024	\$ 1,727,342
Received as of 04/14/2024	\$ 876,781
Variance	\$ (850,561)

### 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).

