



CHRIST THE KING

H O U S T O N

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 31, 2025
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Clay Holland

Minister: Send out your light and your truth, O God; let them lead me.

People: Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Minister: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy.

People: I will praise you with songs of joy, O God, my God!

❖ COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

NETTLETON, Robert Robinson and John Wyeth

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above (2x)

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❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

We, your people, rejoice in your unfailing love and the beauty of your matchless character. We delight to think of you, to increasingly order our lives around you, and to make you the object of our highest affections. Be pleased today to unfold afresh the glorious mysteries of your gospel.

Work in us that we may genuinely bow our hearts before you, Jesus, who upon the cross won for us the freedom that is ours today. We adore you, our glorious King and together exalt your magnificent name. 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.

❖ NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus:

*Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus*

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*Ch*)

Now by this I'll overcome
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Now by this I'll reach my home
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*Ch*)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST, MY SAVIOR

Kate Wilkinson and A. Cyril Barham-Gould

May the mind of Christ, my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power

May the peace of God, my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self abasing
This is victory

May his beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win
and may they forget the channel
Seeing only Him

✝ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you are holy beyond measure. Hear us as we cry out to you through him who is righteous for us. We confess that we are sinful, but you are merciful and close to the brokenhearted.

We are poor and needy, but you are full of riches and kindness.

We are naked, but you clothe us.

We are empty, but you fill us.

We are thirsty, but you satisfy us.

We are blind, but you grant us sight.

Help us, gracious Lord, so to feed on the riches of him who loved us that we might grow more and more into his likeness and so show forth his wonder to a world in need. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

from Isaiah 42:16

Minister: I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by the paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do and I will not forsake them.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

Jenny Yang, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 42
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“Talking Back”

Rev. Clay Holland

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.

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Elizabeth C. Clephane and Christopher Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land
A home within the wilderness
A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss

*My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross (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
Where God, the Son, forever reigns and scatters night away

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, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed
Where shall I see my Father’s face and in his bosom rest

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 (x3)

I am bound for the promised land
I am bound for the promised land

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: Go in peace, in the knowledge of God’s power.
Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God’s strength.
Go in joy, in the knowledge of God’s love.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

❖ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH, 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		Audio/Visual Team	
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>	Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar & vocals</i>	Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>	Joel Zaldivar	<i>Spanish translation</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy & sermon</i>		
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>		
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>		
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>		
Leah Wright	<i>prayer</i>		
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>		
		CCLI# 1268735	

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

Sunday Morning at Christ the King

10:30 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 4 years

Upcoming Events

9/3	Women's Fall Kick-Off	7:00 pm	Pickleball Social
9/7	The Traveling Table	12:30 - 2:00 pm	1148 Silber Road
9/7	Young Adult Sunday Morning Coffee	10:00 - 10:30 am	Main Street
9/7	3D Back to School Party	5:30 - 6:45 pm	3D Room
9/7	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Redeemer Room
9/9	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
9/14	Something Big to Celebrate!	9:00 am	Christ the King
9/18	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
9/18	Young Adults Seasonal Supper	7:00 - 9:00 pm	13714 Queensbury
9/21-10/5	Membership Class	10:30 - 11:30 am	Room A300
9/25	Men's Pickleball	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Pickleball Social



Pickleball Fall Kickoff

September 3, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Pickleball Social

Kick off the new ministry year with a night of pickleball, food trucks, and fun! Whether you play or just want to hang out, bring your friends and get ready for a great time.

THE TRAVELING TABLE



The Traveling Table

September 7, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, 1148 Silber

The Traveling Table is a ministry of Christ the King that shares Christ's love through hospitality and meals. Teams gather on select Sunday afternoons at Bellrock Memorial Apartments, right across the street from CTK, to enjoy food and fellowship with residents. Individuals, couples, and families are all welcome to join!



Men's Breakfast

September 9, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall

Start your morning with breakfast, powerful stories of how God is at work, and a room full of guys who want to grow in faith and friendship. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker—and come join us!



Something Big to Celebrate!

September 14, 9:00 am, Christ the King

We have something BIG to celebrate—and you're invited! Join us for a special morning of connection, gratitude, and vision for the future of Christ the King. Come at 9:00 am to enjoy breakfast tacos and coffee. At 9:45 am, we'll gather for one special worship service where we'll share exciting plans for what's ahead. This will be a milestone moment in the life of our church family—you won't want to miss it!

Please note: we will have only ONE worship service this morning—so don't miss it! Let's celebrate where God has brought us and look ahead together to what he will do next!

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.

We'd Love to See You in the Directory!

The Church Center App



With our church continuing to grow, staying connected matters—and sometimes that starts with something as simple as recognizing one another. If you haven't already, we'd love for you to upload a photo to the church directory. It's a small step that makes a big difference—especially for new people learning names and faces. Scan the QR code to get started.

1. Once you are logged in, tap on "Hello, (Your Name)"
2. Select the "Contact and Profile Information" section
3. Tap "Update Photo" under your initials
4. Select whether to take your photo and upload it, or select a picture from the saved photos on your phone
5. Make sure you select "Update" to save your changes

Ministry Budget Update

2025 Ministry Budget	\$	6,488,151
Budgeted through 08/24	\$	4,162,210
Received as of 08/24	\$	3,514,741
Variance	\$	(647,469)

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.





SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Agape Development

Assist with childcare during their Women's Weekly Ministry Gathering (2x/month, Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm) or help with their 20th Anniversary Birthday Bash (November 1, 11am-4pm) Contact: Amanda Garner, volunteer@agapedevelopment.org.

Cornerstone After School Ministry at Christ the King

Weekly after-school volunteer (one day a week, 3:00-5:00pm) or Early Dismissal Field Trip Chaperone (days and times vary). Contact: Amanda Etheredge, amanda@cfmhouston.org.

Housman HUG Reading Buddies and Mentor Program

Housman Elementary School located just a couple blocks north of CTK serves students and families in K-5th grade. We have partnered with "Loving Houston" to help share the gospel with the students, staff, and families through word and deed. Volunteer readers (men and women) sit and read with selected 2nd grade students to help encourage and build their knowledge and love of reading. (1x/week-mornings) or mentor a K-5th grade student during their lunch period. (1x/week, days and times vary). Contact: mission@christtheking.com.

Houston Welcome Refugees

Create a "Kid's Kit" with back-to-school supplies for refugee families. Contact: Allison Gomez, allison@houstonwelcomesrefugees.com

LifeHouse

Sort and organize donations in their mini food pantry and clothing room. (days and times vary). Looking to donate some gently used maternity or baby items, please consider LifeHouse. Contact: Rebekah Brazelton, Rebekah.brazelton@lifehouse.org.

Made with Love

Consider who in your community you can bless with a meal this back-to-school season. The freezer is stocked and ready for you to grab a meal and share God's love. Join us August 21 and September 18 for our meal preparation days at either 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. No cooking experience necessary!

Memorial Assistance Ministry

Serve as a Resale Shop volunteer. (4 hrs/week, days and times vary) Contact: Kathie Hartzog, khartzog@mamhouston.org.

Prestige Learning Institute

Prestige Learning Institute exists to glorify God by educating, equipping, & ministering to immigrant and refugee families, empowering them to thrive in the U.S. Women and Men ESL teachers or assistants needed for the Fall/Spring semester (times and days vary). Semester Kick Off and Training on Saturday, August 16, 9-4pm. Contact: Mina Mumbower, mina@prestigeinstitute.org.

The Traveling Table

The Traveling Table is a ministry started by Christ the King that seeks to love our neighbors and show Christ's hospitality by meeting them where they are. Teams meet on the first Sunday of the month after church to share a meal with our neighbors. If you are interested in joining The Traveling Table team email mission@christtheking.com.