



PARABLES OF JESUS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 28, 2024
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: **He is our God;
we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

❖ WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING

HENRY T. SMART AND JACK W. HAYFORD

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King
See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares
“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares”
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King
Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow’r
All hell’s minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour
He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King
We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that waits your returning,
for your love that is ever ready to welcome us.

We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness,
and that, by your Holy Spirit,
you move us to repent and receive your love.

Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.
We praise you, great God, 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.

❖ JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Hyfrodol, J. Wilbur Chapman and Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

*Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *(Refrain)*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(Refrain)*

Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. *(Refrain)*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

COME, YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Kevin Twit and Joseph Swain

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through him alone

Take his easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While his grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory
Where his ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see him
Blest the ears that hear his voice
Blessed are the souls that trust him
And in him alone rejoice
His commandments, his commandments
His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through him alone

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained
and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PEACE OF GOD

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
The Lord hears and forgives when we confess our sin.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

William J. Kirkpatrick and Philip Keveren

Jenny Yang, *piano*
Steven Wiggs, *cello*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7: 36-50, p. 864

San Lucas 7: 36-50, p.1427

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“Approaching God”

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.

JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

Charles Wesley, Greg Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the the tempest still is high
Hide me, O my Savior, hide
Till life's storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
I helpless hang on Thee
Leave, oh leave me not alone
Support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed
All help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing

Thou, O Christ, are all I want
Here more than all I find
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint
Heal the sick and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou are full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sins
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
For all eternity

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me (*Repeat*)

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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❖ 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 HUNDRETH, 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>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Paul Duffin	<i>electric guitar</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Brooks Harwood	<i>sermon</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>
Jenny Yang	<i>keyboard</i>
Andrés Zelaya	<i>liturgy</i>

Audio/Visual Team

Amy Curry	projections
Zach Day	audio
Reese Dowiak	camera
Andrew Gill	camera
Colby Hodges	video director
Namath Naif	technical director
Clara Whites	camera

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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.*

Sunday Morning at Christ the King

<p>9:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>Nursery Care Infant - 4 years</p> <p>Children's Worship K-2nd grade Children will be dismissed from the worship service.</p> <p>Adult Sunday Morning Class (3rd Floor)</p>	<p>10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>Nursery Care Infant - 1 years</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Student Ministry Sunday Mornings 6th - 12th grade (3rd floor)</p> <p>Adult Sunday Morning Class (3rd Floor)</p>
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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

5/2	Young Adults Monthly Meal	7:00 pm	10163 Hanka Dr
5/16	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 - 11:30 am 6:30 - 8:30 pm	The Kitchen
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 the King
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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Serving Together

It's easy for us to show up just about anywhere and ask, "What can I get out of this place?" Whether it's the coffee shop, the dentist office, or the bakery. And so, it's easy for us to show up at church and do the same thing. The irony is, that this is the opposite of the posture of the One who rules over the church. Jesus tells us that he did not come to be served but to serve and give up his life as a ransom for many.



The church is not a place where we show up just to be served, but a place where we show up to serve, to follow the way of Jesus. We give him our life and we serve one another. One goal of Christ the King is to have every single person, 4th grade and older, find a place to regularly serve the church. We believe this is an important part of our discipleship as we follow the One who himself was a servant.

Scan the QR code to let us know some areas in which you can serve the church.



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!



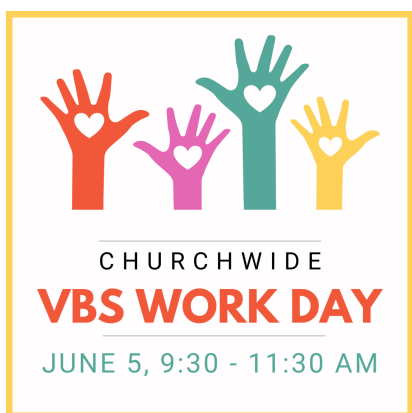
Armored Sports Camp

*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.



Churchwide VBS Work Day

Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 - 12:00 am Christ the King

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.



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.

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.

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.

Clay Holland	Pastor, Family Ministry
Alex Martinez	Pastor, Latino Ministry
John Trapp	Senior Pastor
Andrés Zelaya	Pastor, Adult Ministry

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.

Ministry Budget Update

2024 Ministry Budget Goal	\$ 5,988,118
Budgeted giving through 04/21/2024	\$ 1,842,498
Received as of 04/21/2024	\$ 967,599
Variance	\$ (874,899)

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.

