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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 8, 2026  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I will extol you my God and my King, and bless your name forever.

**People: The Lord is good to all; his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Minister: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord. Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever!**

## ❖ ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

CORONATION, Edward Parronet & Oliver Holden

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all  
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Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all  
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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all  
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O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all  
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## ❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection so that, in the midst of this broken world, she may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Minister: What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

**People: I believe that God, because of Christ’s atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

❖ **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

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

Leslie Peacock

*Director of Counseling at The Barnabas Center*

**PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)**

Martin Luther and Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to thee  
The voice of lamentation  
Lord turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication  
If thou iniquities dost mark  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark

*O who shall stand before thee  
O who shall stand before thee*

To wash away the crimson stain  
Grace, grace alone availeth  
Our works, alas are all in vain  
In much the best life faileth  
No man can glory in thy sight  
All must alike confess thy might

*And live alone by mercy  
And live alone by mercy*

Therefore my trust is in the Lord  
And not in my own merit  
On him my soul shall rest  
His words uphold my fainting spirit  
His promised mercy is my fort  
My comfort and my sweet support

*I wait for it with patience  
I wait for it with patience*

Thou great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth  
His helping love no limit knows  
Our upmost need it soundeth  
Our Shepherd, good and true is he  
Who will at his Israel free

*From all their sin and sorrow  
From all their sin and sorrow*

#### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Lord, when the prophet Isaiah was confronted with your holiness, he exclaimed:

**People: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”**

Minister: Without your mercy, we, too, are lost.

**People: Forgive us for the sins that we commit so readily – our haughtiness toward other people; our neglect of those whom you call us to love; our pride in our accomplishments and position; our worship of idols – those lesser gods that we try to find satisfaction in.**

Minister: Forgive us through the blood of Jesus, our High Priest and advocate.

**People: Our hope is in you; amen.**

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

1 John 1:9

Minister: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**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      Leviticus 19: 1-4, 17-18, 35-37; Romans 13:8-10  
pages 97 and 948

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“Love and Justice”

Rev. Stacey Croft

*Leviticus*

## 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: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

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Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

**People: Grant us your peace.**

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.

*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.*

## **BUILDING TOWARD THE PROMISE**

Joe Deegan, John Trapp

Oh, the promise throughout the ages  
Wonder from the heavens above  
Jesus builds his holy temple  
Through his Spirit, sent in love

*Refrain:*

*Christ our King, the risen savior  
Seated at the father's right hand  
Build your church as you have promised  
For your children from every land*

Christ, the temple of your body  
Spirit-risen on that third day  
Cornerstone by man rejected  
Ours, the rock, that will not decay (*Ref*)

Hail the risen branch of Jesse  
David's son yet David's Lord  
Sends his spirit as he promised  
Faithful always to his word (*Ref*)

Oh the promise throughout the ages  
Sealed by blood, delivered by grace  
For ourselves and for our children  
For his people far away (*Ref*)

## **RED SEA ROAD**

Ellie Holcomb, Christa Wells, and Nicole Witt

We've buried dreams laid them deep into the earth behind us  
Said our goodbyes at the grave but everything reminds us  
God knows we ache when he asks us to go on  
How do we go on

Chorus:

We will sing to our souls, we won't bury our hope  
Where he leads us to go there's a red sea road  
When we can't see the way he will part the waves  
And we'll never walk alone down a red sea road

How can we trust when you say you will deliver us  
From all of this pain that threatens to take over us  
Well this desert's dry but the ocean may consume  
And we're scared to follow you (Ch)

Oh help us believe, you are faithful, you're faithful  
When our hearts are breaking, you are faithful, you're faithful  
Oh grant us eyes to see you are faithful, you're faithful  
Teach us to sing you are faithful, you're faithful, you're faithful (Ch)

No we'll never walk alone down a red sea road  
No we'll never walk alone down a red sea road

## ❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve.

**People: We go in the name of Christ.**

Minister: May the God of love, who shared his love, strengthen us in our love for others. May the Son who shared his life grant us grace, that we might share our life. And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be only and always for others.

**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

Stacey Croft	<i>sermon</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar &amp; vocals</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Natalie Mann	<i>violin</i>
Alex Martinez	<i>liturgy</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>
Leslie Peacock	<i>prayer</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>

### Audio/Visual Team

Sam Cornelius	<i>projections</i>
Madelyn Landis	<i>camera</i>
Ryan Landis	<i>video director</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director &amp; audio</i>
Pook Saudale	<i>camera</i>
Joe Bill Whittenburg	<i>camera</i>
Andrés Zelaya	<i>Spanish translation</i>

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**  
8 weeks - PreK

**Children's Worship**  
K-2nd grade  
Children will be dismissed from  
the worship service.

**Adult Sunday Morning Class**  
(Room A301, 3rd Floor)

### 10:30 am Worship Service

**Nursery Care**  
8 weeks - 1 year

**Sunday School**  
2 - 4 years old (1st floor)  
K - 3rd grade (2nd floor)  
Code 45 - 4th & 5th grade  
(Through the Great Hall,  
and up the stairs)

**Student Ministry**  
**Sunday Mornings**  
6th - 12th grade  
(3rd floor)

**Adult Sunday Morning Class**  
(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

## Adult Sunday Morning Classes

### **Ecclesiastes**

Ecclesiastes is a book that addresses some of life's most practical and persistent questions. We're all searching for the right mix of things that will make life feel full and meaningful, and we're surrounded by advice on how to get there. This class will explore a surprising perspective on wisdom—one that doesn't promise perfection, but invites honesty about our limits and our need for God. Everyone is welcome.

## Upcoming Events

3/15	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	The Redeemer Room
3/19	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
3/26 & 3/27	RYM Local		Christ the King
3/29	Palm Sunday		
3/29	Children's Egg Hunt	10:30 am	
3/29	Spring Picnic	11:45 am - 2:15 pm	The Fields
4/2	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm	The Sanctuary
4/3	Good Friday Services	5:30 & 7:00 pm	The Sanctuary
4/3	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm	The Great Hall
4/5	Easter Sunday	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	The Sanctuary

# HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 29  
9:00 & 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 2  
7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 3  
5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM



## **RYM Local**

*March 26 & 27, Christ the King*

Christ the King is excited to host RYM Local, a two-day event created to encourage and equip parents and other adults as they thoughtfully engage the challenges facing today's youth and explore how the church can respond with wisdom, hope, and faith.

Registration is free for CTK attendees—use the coupon code: CTKATTENDFREE at [rym.org/local-houston](http://rym.org/local-houston).



## **Spring Picnic**

*March 29, 11:45 am - 2:15 pm, The Fields*

Spring is here, and we would love for you to join us on Palm Sunday for our annual Spring Picnic as we celebrate what God is building at Christ the King. After worship, we'll gather for lunch, fellowship, and fun for all ages. Bring your friends and a picnic blanket — lunch will be provided. We look forward to celebrating together as a church family.



## **Vacation Bible School**

*June 15 - 19*

Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open for Christ the King families. We encourage you to register your child soon before registration opens to the public on March 23.

You can register using the QR code on Main Street or through the link in today's churchwide email. If you didn't receive that email, be sure you're signed up for our Weekly Connection at [christtheking.com](http://christtheking.com).

## Capital Campaign

### Sign up for a Campaign Conversation

The Building Toward the Promise Capital Campaign isn't just about buildings—it's about relationships. That's why we want to meet with every person in our church family for a one-on-one visit. These conversations will give you a chance to hear the vision, celebrate what God is doing, ask questions, and pray together.



## 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.

## 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>Stacey Croft</b>	Pastor, Adult Ministry
<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 of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

## Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 3/01	\$	1,339,567
Received as of 3/01	\$	696,953
Variance	\$	(642,614)

### 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).





## THE BARNABAS CENTER

The Barnabas Center began as a dream of the leadership of Christ the King Presbyterian Church to create a counseling ministry providing Christ-centered counseling and expert professional care to Christ the King members and the Houston community. Since 2016, The Barnabas Center has offered individual, couple, and family counseling, as well as numerous groups, seminars, and conferences to the church and the Houston community.

We believe God is at work in every aspect of our lives, and we desire for clients to know and apply the Gospel to the deepest parts of their lives. Our counseling staff is made up of trained and licensed professionals committed to Christ and to guiding individuals toward emotional, relational, and psychological wholeness.

We would be honored to walk alongside you in your journey, whatever season you find yourself in.

Please reach out to us:

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