



ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 7, 2024
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 60

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Leader: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

**People: Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

❖ ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Jered McKenna

Arise, shine, for your light has come
And the glory of God is on you
Arise, see though the earth grows dark
That the Lord will arise upon you
The Lord will arise upon you

Chorus:

*Nations will come to your light
Lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you
And your love will be all that we know
And your love will be all that we know*

Arise, come to the open gates
For the Father is welcoming you
Fear not for the Lord brings peace
And redemption to all who believe
And redemption to all who believe (*Ch*)

The sun will not shine
'Cause you'll be all the light that we need
And violence will end
All the wars that we wage will cease (*2x*)

We will glorify your name, we will glorify your name (*Ch 2x*)

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

conclude with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Scots' Confession, Chapter 1

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

He is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible,
omnipotent, invisible, one in substance and yet distinct
in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

By him we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained
in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his
inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom,
goodness, and justice have appointed and to the
manifestation of his own glory.

❖ RISING SUN

David Leonard, Leslie Jordan, and Kyle Lee

Praise him all you sinners, sing, oh sing you weary
Oh praise him all you children of God

We lift high his glory shown throughout our stories
We praise him as the children of God

Chorus:

*Our great Redeemer, glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning, you shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Your name is higher than the rising sun*

Praise his name forever, speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise him all you children of God (*Ch*)

Alleluia, name above all
Simply to speak your name is praise
Alleluia, now and always
Forever we lift your name in praise
Alleluia, name above all
Simply to speak your name is praise (*Ch*)
Your name is higher than the rising sun

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Jeremy Casella and William Williams

Guide me O thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but thou art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing waters flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee
Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears goodbye
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears goodbye

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Father, thank you for your Word that is a lamp in a dark world, guiding me along the path of life. It shows me the way of your Kingdom and reminds that all true pleasures are found at your right hand.

Your Word also exposes my sin — my hidden tendency toward selfishness and greed, envy and lust, bitterness and anger. It shows me how impatient I am with difficult people and trying circumstances. Again and again it proves me to be a weak and needy creature, vulnerable before you to whom we must all give account.

Thank you, though, that in my frailty, your Word takes me by the hand to the Lord of the Word, my blessed and gracious Savior, Jesus.

May he who obeyed your Word perfectly for me now be my love and joy, mercy and peace, hope and freedom, both now and forevermore. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

from 1 John 2

Leader: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

LIGHT OF THE WORLD (SING HALLELUJAH)

Andrew Berghold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:1-17, p. 1031
El Apocalipsis 7:1-17, p. 1709

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“Worshipful Interlude”
Revelation

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.

*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.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vicki Cook, Shane Barnard

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah

Praise the One Risen Son of God

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God (*Ch 2x*)

❖ ALL THINGS NEW AGAIN

Joe Deegan

For behold he will create
A new heavens and new earth
He will drive away our sorrow and our pain
This momentary grief, though heavy as it seems
Will be crushed by glory's great eternal weight

Chorus:

He will make all things new again

He will keep all his promises

He will love all who come to him

He will make all things new again

For behold the sun will rise
Over wastelands dead and dry
In its place shall spring a river full of life
Every wrong will be undone
Every thirsty soul shall come
And drink from living water without price (*Ch*)

For behold the holy mountain
Where wolf and lamb shall graze
Where we lay our heads and finally find our home
Where the songs we sang in shadows
Will be sung to God's own face
Where his smile will be the thing we treasure most
Oh his smile will be the thing we treasure most (*Ch*)

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine
in our hearts, transform our lives, and brighten the world.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, rest upon 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

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| <i>Joe Beam</i> | <i>drums</i> |
| <i>Daniel Campbell</i> | <i>keyboard & vocals</i> |
| <i>Joe Deegan</i> | <i>guitar & vocals</i> |
| <i>Paul Duffin</i> | <i>electric guitar</i> |
| <i>Conrad Guthrie</i> | <i>bass</i> |
| <i>Jackson Holland</i> | <i>reading</i> |
| <i>Natalie Mann</i> | <i>violin</i> |
| <i>Katie Reyes</i> | <i>vocals</i> |
| <i>John Trapp</i> | <i>sermon</i> |
| <i>Polly Whittle</i> | <i>prayer</i> |
| <i>Steven Wiggs</i> | <i>cello</i> |
| <i>Andrés Zelaya</i> | <i>liturgy</i> |

Audio/Visual Team

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| <i>Amy Curry</i> | <i>projections</i> |
| <i>Zach Day</i> | <i>audio</i> |
| <i>Namath Naif</i> | <i>technical director</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.*

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)

College Students Class
(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.

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| 9:00 am | Room A300 | Hebrews |
| 10:30 am | The Redeemer Room | Hebrews |
| 10:30 am | Room A300 | College Students |

Upcoming Events

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| 1/10 | Midweek Prayer | 12:00 - 12:30 pm | The Sanctuary |
| 1/11 | Young Adults Monthly Meal | 7:30 - 9:30 pm | 13730 Alchester |
| 1/14 | Student Ministry Sunday Nights | 5:30 - 7:00 pm | Christ the King |
| 1/18 | Made with Love Meal Prep | 9:30 am or 6:30 pm | The Kitchen |
| 1/19 & 1/20 | Building Brave Families Conference | Fri: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Sat: 9:00 - 11:00 am | The Sanctuary |
| 1/24 | Counseling Group: Taking Care of Your Body & Mind in the New Year | 11:15 am - 12:30 pm | The Barnabas Center (3rd Floor of CTK) |
| 1/28 | Traveling Table Lunch | 12:30 - 2:30 pm | 1370 Afton St or 1118 Coldstream Rd |
| 2/4 | Kindergarten & 1st Grade Family Lunch | 11:45 am - 1:00 pm | The Playgrounds |
| 2/6 | Men's Breakfast | 6:30 - 7:30 am | The Great Hall |
| 2/9 - 2/10 | Membership Class | Fri: 6:00 - 8:30 pm Sat: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | The Great Hall |



College Students Sunday School Class
January 7 and 14, 10:30 am, Room A300, on the 3rd Floor

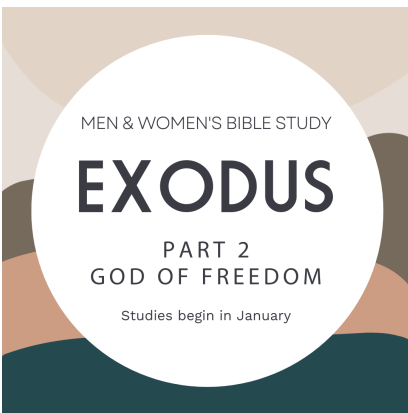
We are excited to offer a class especially for college students over the holidays, taught by Christ the King Elder, Gill Dolan. Invite your friends and join us!



Adult Sunday Morning Class
Starts today! 9:00 & 10:30 am, The 3rd Floor

Join us for a new Adult Sunday Morning Class on Hebrews. We are all tempted to drift away from Jesus, but in the book of Hebrews God gives us an anchor: a detailed understanding of how and why Jesus is better than anything else.

You can jump into this class at any time, even if it is your first time visiting a Sunday School. All are welcome! No registration necessary.



Bible Study
Join us as we study Exodus and journey through the story of how God shepherds his newly-liberated children into an understanding of what their freedom means.

This second part of Exodus starts with a new book. If you would like to join a small group, now is the perfect time!

Sign up and learn more at christtheking.com/men or christtheking.com/women.



Midweek Prayer
January 10, 12:00 - 12:30 pm, The Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesdays at noon when our church gathers for 30 minutes of prayer led by our pastors. Together we spend time praying Scripture, sitting in moments of silent prayer, and praying for members of our church who have requested prayer. All are welcome.



Young Adults Monthly Meals

*Thursday, January 11, 7:30 pm,
13730 Alchester*

Join us for a great meal hosted by a family from the church! Every month we gather in the homes of our broader church family to enjoy a home-cooked meal and fellowship. Invite your friends and join us!



Made With Love Meal Prep

*January 18, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm, The
Christ the King Kitchen*

Join us as we put together meals for our community. No cooking experience required. Ages 14+. Bring a friend or neighbor, come with your son or daughter. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. Space in the kitchen is limited so sign up today at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Taking Care of Your Body & Mind in the New Year

*Wednesdays, January 24-February 14,
11:15am-12:30pm, The Barnabas Center*

Our mind and bodies are deeply connected and impacted by the food and nutrients that we consume. This group will address how our gut health is related to our mental health and what we can do to improve ourselves - mind, body and soul. Register at barnabascenterhou.com. Limited childcare is available with reservation.



Men's Retreat

*February 16-18, Stoney Creek Ranch,
New Ulm, TX*

You're invited to a weekend filled with encouraging, gospel-centered teachings as we grow closer in community and relationship with God. There will be plenty of time for pickleball, skeet shooting, ropes courses, fishing, whiffle ball, bonfires, board games, nature walks and much more! Our speaker will be Keith Berger, with Reformed University Fellowship. Sign up at christtheking.com/men.

Giving to Christ the King

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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.



Mission Spotlight

Freedom Church Alliance

Freedom Church Alliance engages the Church as a unified, collaborative body to make a greater impact in the anti-human trafficking movement with the ultimate goal of survivors encountering the love, hope, and healing that Jesus offers. They serve as an alliance with the Church, law enforcement, and organizations who are fighting human trafficking.

This April our Men's Bible Studies will take part in a four week study using Freedom Church Alliance's book, *Fight For Freedom*.

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.

Clay Holland

John Trapp

Andrés Zelaya

Pastor, Family Ministry

Senior Pastor

Pastor, Adult Ministry