



PARABLES OF JESUS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 5, 2024
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Romans 5

Leader: Since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Through him we have obtained access by faith
into the grace in which we stand
and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.**

Leader: Let us worship our God together!

❖ 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship his holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

Worship his holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (*Ch*)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (*Ch*)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (*Ch*)

Worship his holy name

Yes I'll worship his holy name

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Our Father in heaven,
We gather today to declare your praises,
to proclaim the salvation that you have wrought.
Work in our hearts today by the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we worship you, love you, glorify you, and honor you.
We pray this in Jesus' 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.

❖ 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 (*Repeat*)

Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

MORE THAN WE KNOW

Joe Deegan

When we walk through the desert for forty years straight
It may feel like the Lord doesn't care
But the manna that feeds us day after day
Is the proof that he's always been there
It's the proof that he's always been there

Chorus:

*The Lord loves his children more than we know
All that he does, he does to show
That he'll never forsake us, he'll never let go
The Lord loves his children more than we know*

When we stare down that giant standing so tall
As he's marching toward us on the field
The Lord sends his champion to fight for us all
And his children need only be still
His children need only be still *(Ch)*

When the hour grows dark, he closes his eyes
And our Savior breathes his last breath
He pierces the darkness, he comes back to life
So his children don't have to fear death
His children don't have to fear death *(Ch)*

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things –
our hearts are filled with joy.

By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin
and brought us with joy into your kingdom.

But we confess that often we try to replace your gift
with our own efforts.

We try to complete what is already perfect;
we try to add to what is already full;
we try to earn what we already have.

Forgive us for our foolishness.
Help us to focus on your grace
and live grateful lives in return.
For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PEACE OF GOD

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Paul Brennan *piano*
Virginia Fairfield *trumpet*
Hillary Klaassen *euphonium*
James Romig *French horn*

SCRIPTURE READING

Lucas Dolibois
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, p.819
San Mateo 13:1-9, 18-23, p.1347

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“The Parable of the Sower”

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.

Oración de buscar la verdad

Señor Jesús, tú afirmas ser el camino, la verdad y la vida. Si lo que afirmas es cierto, por favor guíame, enséñame y ábreme la realidad de quién eres. Concédeme que podría no desanimarme por el costo de seguirte mientras considero las razones para hacerlo. Dame una comprensión de ti que sea coherente, convincente y que conduzca a la vida que prometes. Amén.

Oración de Creencia

Señor Jesús, admito que soy más débil y más pecador de lo que nunca antes creía, pero a través de ti, soy más amado y aceptado de lo que nunca me atreví a esperar. Te agradezco por pagar mi deuda, llevar mi castigo en la cruz y ofrecer perdón y nueva vida. Sabiendo que has resucitado entre los muertos, me aparto de mis pecados y te recibo como mi Salvador. Amén.

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord

Chorus:

*It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only*

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord (Ch 2x)

And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you Lord (3x) (Ch 2x)

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the LORD our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up (*Ch*)

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long

Oh God of Jacob be my strength (*Ch*)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom (*Ch*)

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;
may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his
service; may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls;
and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with
us always.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

❖ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDETH, 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

Luke Brack	<i>testimony</i>
Paul Brennan	<i>piano</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>electric guitar</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>keyboard & vocals</i>
Lucas Dolibois	<i>reading</i>
Micaela Dougan	<i>vocals</i>
Kathryn Duren	<i>prayer</i>
Virginia Fairfield	<i>trumpet</i>
Max Gomez-Wright	<i>guitar</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Trent Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Clay Holland	<i>sermon</i>
Hillary Klaassen	<i>euphonium</i>
James Romig	<i>french horn</i>
John Trapp	<i>liturgy</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>

Audio/Visual Team

Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Reese Dowiak	<i>camera</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Arjan Voogt	<i>projections</i>
Natalie Voogt	<i>video director</i>
Quin Gomez-Wright	<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 christtheaking.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

5/16	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 - 11:30 am 6:30 - 8:30 pm	The Kitchen
5/19	Preview Sunday (3rd & 5th grade)		
5/19	Student Ministry Family Trivia Night	5:30 - 7:00 pm	The Great Hall
5/26	No Sunday School - Children through Adults		
6/2	Student Ministry Summer Kick Start (5th & 8th grade)		
6/2	College Students Sunday School Class	10:30 am	A300
6/3 - 6/6	Armored Sports Camp	8:30 - 11:30 am	Christ the King
6/5	Churchwide VBS Work Day	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	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
6/14	Churchwide VBS Work Day	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Christ the King
6/17-6/21	Vacation Bible School	9:30 am - 12:00 pm	Christ the King

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Made with Love Meal Prep
May 16

Join us for our monthly Made with Love meal preparation day. You can choose the morning (9:30-11:30 am) or evening (6:30-8:30 pm) session. Everyone 14 years and older are welcome! No cooking experience necessary. Space is limited so sign up today at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Preview Sunday
May 19

This is a fun Sunday where students in 3rd and 5th grade get a sneak peak of what's to come as they enter a new grade level!

Third graders will get to go to Code 45 for a time of worship and large group lesson.

Fifth graders will go up to Student Ministry for a time of worship and large group lesson.



Student Ministry Family Trivia Night
May 19, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, The Great Hall

In place of our regular Sunday nights, you and your family are invited to trivia night at the church! If you are unable to attend, please send your students and we will pair them with a team. Pizza will be provided. If you plan to come, please RSVP at christtheking.com/students.



Student Ministry Summer Kick Start
June 2

Students promote to the next grade level at the beginning of the school year with the exception of 5th and 8th grade who are invited to participate in summer trips and events with the middle and high school ministry. On June 2, 5th graders are invited upstairs for Student Ministry Sunday Mornings!



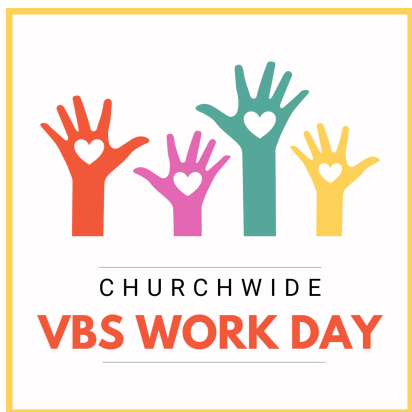
Armored Sports Camp

*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 am - 12:00 pm
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! Childcare will be provided for infants through 5th grade, no registration necessary. Older children may serve alongside a parent.



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

LifeHouse

LifeHouse is a Christ-centered ministry ensuring life for unborn children by providing opportunities for housing, help, and hope for women during their pregnancies and beyond. When a woman comes to LifeHouse, she is welcomed with open arms by Christian house parents who care for her physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. This family model of ministry provides her with structure, and is often her first example of a healthy, supportive community. For over 30 years, their homes have provided pregnant women and new moms with love, discipleship, stability, accountability, grace, and encouragement. The ministry also launched the LifeLine Alumnae Program to continue to walk alongside moms long after they give birth. LifeHouse and LifeLine provide these women with a forever family centered on Christ. If you would like to learn more about LifeHouse and how to get involved, please contact Rebekah Brazelton at rebekah.brazelton@lifehousehouston.org.

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	\$ 1,957,654
Received as of 04/21/2024	\$ 1,083,251
Variance	\$ (874,403)

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.

