MARK

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 18, 2026
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP from 1 Chronicles 29

Minister: Blessed are you, O Lord God, forever and ever.

People: All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

Minister: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

People: We thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

❖ 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
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all

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
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all

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
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

All glory and honor be unto you, Lord God Almighty, for in your sovereign and gracious design you have not left us to ourselves but have adopted us as your own and called us to be a new people for your service that we, the church, for whom Christ died, might be a holy nation.

So work within us this day that we might genuinely declare in our words and deeds the praise of your glorious grace. Through 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.

❖ 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)*

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

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

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 *(2x)*

✢ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore those who repent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD from Isaiah 43

Minister: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Through Christ, our Shepherd, our sins are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

THE OFFERING

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS Band Quintet
Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 3:7-19
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON "The King's Strategy" Rev. John Trapp
Mark

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.

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.

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one king reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the ancient of days

Chorus:
None above him, none before him, all of time in his hands
For his throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name
For my God is the ancient of days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me I am not alone
O his love is sure and he knows my name
For my God is the ancient of days *(Ch)*

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the savior king
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the ancient of days *(Ch)*

For my God is the ancient of days

❖ 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

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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	
Sam Cornelius	*guitar*
Stacey Croft	*liturgy*
Joe Deegan	*guitar & vocals*
Conrad Guthrie	*bass*
Travis Henthorn	*drums*
Clay Holland	*liturgy*
Natalie Mann	*violin*
Katie Reyes	*vocals*
John Trapp	*sermon*
Steven Wiggs	*cello*
Jenny Yang	*piano*

Audio/Visual Team	
Amy Curry	*projections*
Madelyn Landis	*camera*
Ryan Landis	*video director*
Namath Naif	*technical director*
Alex Rollo	*camera*
Pook Saudale	*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

9:00 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 4 years

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

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

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

10:30 am

Worship Service
Live Spanish Translation Available

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 4 years

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)

Upcoming Events

Today	3 & 4 Year Olds Family Pizza Party	11:45 am	The Playgrounds
Tonight	Middle School Sunday Nights	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
10/21	High School D Groups	7:00 - 8:15 pm	Christ the King
10/22	Young Adults Hangout	7:00 9:00 pm	TopGolf
10/30	Cornerstone Family Night	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Christ the King
11/1	Daylight Saving Time Ends		
11/1	Adult Ministry Fall Forum	7:00 - 9:00 pm	The Great Hall
11/6	Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer & Fasting		
11/7	Men's Gameday Watch Party	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	The Pit Room
11/10	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall

See what's coming up at Christ the King! Visit christtheking.com/events or scan the QR code to explore upcoming events and register.

Elder and Deacon Recommendations

Elders and Deacons are elected officers who lead and serve our church. Elders shepherd through prayer, teaching, discipleship, and governance. Deacons serve through mercy and care, offering financial help, support for widows and the elderly, and other practical needs. If you know men gifted to serve in these ways, please submit recommendations by October 31 at christtheking.com/care.

Young Adults Hangout

October 22, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, TopGolf, 1030 Memorial Brook Blvd

Join the Young Adults of Christ the King for an evening of snacks and games at TopGolf. Feel free to bring a friend, and come ready to cheer or play!

Cornerstone Family Night

October 30, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Christ the King

Our Christ the King family is invited to be a welcoming face and lend a helping hand as we host a festive evening filled with games, food, crafts, and fun for our Mission Partner.

Fall Forum

November 1, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, The Great Hall

Join us for a conversation about politics and faith. Stacey Croft will begin the evening by exploring what the Bible says about how followers of Jesus engage in politics and public life. Then, a panel discussion will offer space for honest questions and practical wisdom.

Men's Gameday Watch Party

November 7, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, The Pit Room, 10301 Katy Fwy

Join the guys for barbecue and ball! Enjoy breakfast tacos, watch the game, and hang out. There is no charge but we would love to know if you're coming.

Capital Campaign

BUILDING TOWARD THE PROMISE

We're hoping to meet with every household in the church as we step together into what God has ahead for Christ the King. Meeting with us is simply an opportunity to learn more about the campaign, not a commitment to make a pledge. If you already know you'd like to participate, making your pledge now helps us plan wisely for the exciting future God is building here at CTK.

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.

Stacey Croft	Pastor, Adult Ministry
Clay Holland	Pastor, Family Ministry
Alex Martinez	Pastor, Latino Ministry
John Trapp	Senior Pastor
Andrés Zelaya	Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 10/11	$	6,102,474
Received as of 10/11	$	3,971,619
Variance	$	(2,130,855)

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/give.

THE PRESCHOOL AT CHRIST THE KING

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US. 1 JOHN 4:19

TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP

Schedule your tour today

ThePreschoolAtChristTheKing.com

The Preschool at Christ the King is a ministry of the church that comes alongside families to educate children in a Christian environment and point them to a life of glorifying God.

We believe that all children are a gift from God, created in the image of God for his glory and that the years of early childhood provide a unique opportunity to encourage, inspire and establish strong educational practices and lay the foundation for a life of faith in Christ according to Biblical principles.

Offering classes for 2-year-olds through PreK-4, parents are invited to come and tour with their child and experience first-hand the wonders of The Preschool!

Tours are available beginning in October for the following school year and can be requested on our website.

Director: Katie Whitehead
Teachers: Cully Bakht, Elisabeth Bickham, Danna Burkett, Ruth Cagle, Meredith Crow, Carol DeShong, Emily Dunlap, Ashley Foran, Michelle Hays, Lorie Herod, Ashley Hurlbert, Tricia Hurley, Deborah McInness, Margaret Murphy, Sara Oliver, Jennifer Shepherd, Lizzie Smith, Diane Taaffe, Cheryl Tucker, Colleen Walker, Laura Wallace.

For more information and to contact us, please visit our website.