



**CHRIST  
THE REDEEMER**  
-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 2, 2023

## Welcome to CHRIST THE REDEEMER...

We're glad you've joined us. Whether you have followed Jesus your whole life or you can't remember the last time you stepped foot in a church, we want you to feel welcome to come as you are and worship with our church family. If you have any questions about our church or where to find something, please don't hesitate to ask. We're excited about what God is doing among us as we seek to live, grow and serve as followers of Jesus in Portland and in our surrounding neighborhoods. So, welcome to CTR, we'd love to have you as part of our family.

During our service, our nursery is open for babies who are crawlers through 3-year-olds. If you need help finding the nursery area, please ask any of our greeters!

Children's Church is in session. After the blessing each week, children age 4 and up are welcome to go to Children's Church. They will re-join their families after the sermon.

### THE RHYTHM OF OUR WORSHIP

On the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), when Jesus' disciples found themselves troubled and confused, Jesus met them along the way. When they confessed their troubles and doubts to Him, His words and presence began to change them. He unfolded God's Word to them, pointing to His own person and work. He dined with them, giving thanks and breaking bread. The disciples recognized their Lord's presence with them and hurried to tell others the good news.

In the Emmaus story, we recognize the pattern of historic Christian worship as it began to take shape. Our worship liturgy at Christ the Redeemer moves through a specific rhythm: God **SUMMONS** us as His people, God **SANCTIFIES** us to Himself, God **SPEAKS** to us in His Word, God **STRENGTHENS** us at His table, and God **SENDS** us into the world to share His grace.

The emphasis throughout our worship is upon God's action and our appropriate response. In worship, we rehearse the gospel message of Jesus' death and resurrection and are caught up into the mission of the Triune God. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity as children of God and then impelling us outward into our world.

*-adapted from City Church Philadelphia [Guide to Our Worship](#)*

## G O D S U M M O N S

[ P R A I S E ]

### C A L L T O W O R S H I P

[L] Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

[P] **Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

[L] Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs.

[P] **Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

[L] Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

[P] **Hosanna in the highest!**

Based on Psalm 118

### S O N G

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

## G O D S A N C T I F I E S

[ R E N E W A L ]

### C O N F E S S I O N O F S I N

[All] **Loving God, on this day, Your Son entered the rebellious city that later rejected Him: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all we have and all we are, trusting You to forgive, to heal and to receive us as Your own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### T I M E O F S I L E N T R E F L E C T I O N A N D C O N F E S S I O N

SONG

HAVE MERCY

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[L] Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

[P] **In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!**  
**In Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**Thanks be to God.**

SONG

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

LIFE OF THE PEOPLE  
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]

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THE PEACE OF GOD  
and THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

[L] May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

[P] **And also with you.**

[L] People of God, what is our prayer for these and all our children?

[All] **May the Lord be with you.**

[Children] **And also with you.**

**G O D S P E A K S**

[WORD]

SONG

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-48; Hebrews 5:5-7

Read by Claire Roberts

*The Triumphal Entry*

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went

away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

### *Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem*

<sup>41</sup> And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup> and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

### *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

<sup>45</sup> And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup> saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

<sup>47</sup> And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, <sup>48</sup> but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus<sup>1a</sup> offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

[L] The grass withers and the flower fades,  
but the Word of God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

The Word of the Lord.

[P] **Thanks be to God.**

S e r m o n :

T H E K I N G W H O W E E P S

Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Senior Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A #42

[L] Why was our mediator called Christ?

[P] **Our Mediator was called Christ, because He was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure, and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of His Church, in the estate both of His humiliation and exaltation.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Elder Rick Hollen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come; your 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



**G O D S T R E N G T H E N S**

[ T A B L E ]

## C E L E B R A T I N G H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

*A Word about Communion: Communion is the family meal of Christians. Baptized believers actively looking to Jesus as their hope for salvation are warmly invited to share in this meal with us as our brothers and sisters.*

- *Please approach the servers by coming up the middle aisle and returning to your seat via the outside aisles.*
- *Once you receive the bread and wine/juice, please hold on to it as you return to your seat. We will partake together as one body after everyone has received the elements.*
- *Children and those who are not partaking are also welcome to approach the servers for a prayer or word of God's blessing. We ask that you fold your hands as you approach so the server is aware.*
- *Please dispose of your communion cups and any other trash in the wastebasket located at the back of the sanctuary or the one near the exit at the front of the sanctuary as you leave today. Thank you!*

## S O N G : S A N C T U S

## W O R D S O F I N V I T A T I O N &amp; I N S T I T U T I O N

## G R E A T P R A Y E R O F T H A N K S G I V I N G

## M E M O R I A L A C C L A M A T I O N

[L] Lift up your hearts.

[P] **We lift them up to the Lord.**

[L] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[P] **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

## P A R T A K I N G O F T H E E L E M E N T S

## PRAYERS OF REFLECTION

*Prayer for Those Searching for 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 for 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 for Those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG  
BEHOLD THE LAMB

GOD SENDS

[MISSION]

RESPONSES OF JOY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND  
RESOURCES

[our tithes and offerings]

If you would like to give online, please use this QR code:  
This takes you to our online giving portal.



SONG

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

BENEDICTION AND SENDING

[L] May the God who sent his Son so that we could be adopted as God's own children, send his Spirit into your hearts--especially in this week of remembrance and renewal--and equip you to live as God's own children, dearly loved and called to serve a needy world.

based on Galatians 4:4-6

[All] **Thanks be to God.**

# HIGHLIGHTS

March 26, 2023

NEW TO CTR? Welcome! If you would like to connect, learn more about our church or subscribe to our weekly announcement email, please use this QR code.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Community groups are one of the primary places that we get to know one another, care for another, and help one another grow in the gospel. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact the church office ([ctr@ctrportland.org](mailto:ctr@ctrportland.org)).

There are currently groups in the following communities:

PORTLAND (2 groups)  
SOUTH PORTLAND  
LAKES REGION

SCARBOROUGH  
FREEPORT/DURHAM  
NEW GLOUCESTER

## CTR KIDS LENDING LIBRARY

We are so excited about our CTR Kids Lending Library! Before and after church, please visit the library cart near our nursery and choose a Gospel-centered book to take home with you for the week! There are books available for all age groups, and some parenting resources as well!

## ON THE CALENDAR:

SUN, APR 2

### **TWO LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – 9 AM**

For children in 3rd-5th grade! Join us Sunday mornings for treats + fun while deepening your knowledge and faith in the Gospel! For more information, please contact Abby Reid (areid@ctrportland.org).

MON, APR 3

### **WOMENS' WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – 6 PM**

@ the home of Laura Wiersma, 29 Lilac Lane, New Gloucester (GPS does not recognize this address so please use 54 N Pownal Road - that will get you to Lilac Lane). A light meal will be served.

Curriculum: "Romans: At His Feet" (Blanton/Gordon)

FRI, APR 7

### **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE – 6:30 PM**

Join us for this very special service in Holy Week. Tenebrae is a specific service that focuses on the cross and the death of Jesus. You will be invited into the story through scripture readings, times of meditation, and sacred music to truly feel the sadness and sorrow of Christ's death, so that together we may rejoice in his resurrection all the more on Easter Sunday.

*(There will be childcare provided for nursery-age children.)*

SUN, APR 9

### **EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE – 10 AM**

SUN, APR 16

### **NEW TO CTR LUNCH – after the Worship Service**

If you have been visiting CTR and would like to get to know us better and explore membership here, we would love for you to join us for lunch. Whether you have been here for a week or two or a few months - if you have questions, plan to come! [in Fellowship Hall in the lower level of the church]

Please let us know you are coming by emailing the office: [ctr@ctrportland.org](mailto:ctr@ctrportland.org)

SUN, APR 23

### **TEEN BIBLE STUDY – 9 AM**

For more information, please contact Emma Holloway @ 207.737.9691 or [unmemiriamemma@gmail.com](mailto:unmemiriamemma@gmail.com)

## CTR PRAYER CHAIN:

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the prayer chain at CTR, please send an email to [prayer@ctrportland.org](mailto:prayer@ctrportland.org). The coordinators, Carol Fecteau or Megan Lafuta, will be happy to help.

# SERVE...

At CTR, we believe that part of what makes the church a beautiful place is that it draws people with various passions and gifts into one body. Below are some opportunities to use your passions and gifts to serve one another and our local community.

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Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
longs to be a diverse people who gather around  
and extend the table of God's grace.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM**

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