



CHRIST THE KING

H O U S T O N

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 3, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God is here! The Messiah has come!

**People: We open our eyes to see him
and lift our hearts to worship him.**

Minister: We have come to exalt the name of Jesus,
our Savior and King, and to bring glory to
God the Father.

People: We worship you, Almighty God!

❖ COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody, Christian H. Bateman

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism, #21

Minister: Who is the Redeemer of God's people?

**People: The only Redeemer of God's people
is the Lord Jesus Christ,
who, being the eternal Son of God,
became man and so was, and continues to be,
God and man in two distinct natures,
and one person, forever.**

❖ JESUS, WITH THY CHURCH ABIDE

Christopher Miner and Thomas Benson Pollock

Jesus, with thy church abide,
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:

Chorus:

We beseech thee, hear us;

We beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;
Grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in thy promise sure: *(Chorus)*

May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in thee: *(Chorus)*

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the brokenhearted bind: *(Chorus 3x)*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

SAVIOR OF MANKIND

Luke Brawner, Joe Deegan, Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam, Charles Wesley, & Paul Yoon

Let the angels and archangels sing
The Son of God, Emmanuel's name.
Adore with us our newborn King;
Still the joyful news proclaim.

*All heav'n and earth be ever joined
To praise the Savior of mankind. (Repeat)*

The everlasting God comes down
To walk with the sons of men
Without his majesty or crown;
The great invisible is seen.

*Of all his dazzling glories shorn
The everlasting God is born. (Repeat)*

Angels see the infant's face,
With rapturous awe the Godhead own.
'Tis all your heav'n on him to gaze
And cast your crowns before his throne.

*Now, he on his footstools lies
For he built both earth and skies. (Repeat)*

By him into existence brought;
You sang the all creating word.
Ye heard him call our world from nought,
Again in honor of your Lord.

*Morning stars your hymns employ;
Shout you sons of God for joy. (Repeat)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, in whom we live
and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.

We confess that we have been foolish,
and strayed from you
and have wandered on our own way.

Have mercy on us, and forgive us our sin.
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us
from knowing your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

2 Corinthians 4:6

Minister: God has caused to shine in our hearts,
the light that is knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ OH LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

Taylor Johnson, George Matheson, Albert Lister Peace, and Robbie Seay

Oh Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give you back this life I owe,
And in your ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

Oh Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
And my heart restores its borrowed ray,
And in your sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

Chorus:

*Rejoice, my heart; rejoice, my soul;
My Savior God has come to thee.
Rejoice, my heart; you've been made whole;
By a love that will not let me go.*

Oh Joy that seeks me through the 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. (*Chorus*)

It's a love that will not let me go.

Oh Cross that lifts and holds 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. (*Chorus 2x*)

*It's a love that will not let me go.
Oh a love that will not let me go.*

❖ THE PEACE OF GOD

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:10-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON “Imagination and Incarnation”

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

Anneliese Jean Zucker (9:00)

Brooks Bryan Gary (10:30)

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, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer.

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

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

❖ ISAIAH 43 (I AM THE LORD)

Billy Sprague

When you pass through the waters I will be with you,
And the waves, they will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God. (I am the Lord your God.)

For I am the Lord your God,

I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Repeat)

I am the Lord. (Do not fear.) (4x)

When you pass through the fire, you'll not be burned.
And the flames, they will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine. (*Chorus*)

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: May the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

❖ OH LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

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Rejoice, my heart; you've been made whole;
By a love that will not let me go.*

*It's a love that will not let me go.
Oh a love that will not let me go.*

Worship Leaders

Joe Beam	drums
Joe Deegan	guitar & vocals
Conrad Guthrie	bass
Taylor Leachman	sermon
Katie Reyes	vocals
Andrés Zelaya	liturgy

Audio/Visual Team

Namath Naif	audio
Amber Saugier	switcher
Titus Saugier	camera
Arjan Voogt	projections

Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today. Here are a few things going on within the life of the church that we don't want you to miss. For a full list of upcoming events, please visit christtheking.com.

Congregational News

We extend our sympathy to Katie and Daniel Campbell and Liam and Sam in the death of Katie's grandmother.

We give praise for the wedding of Abby Anton to Colton Ketron on January 2.

Pastoral Leadership Transition

As the Pulpit Committee continues to examine John Trapp as candidate for Senior Pastor of Christ the King, they would like to hear from you. You can contact them and find up-to-date information at christtheking.com.

Officer Recommendations

Church members are invited to recommend individuals for the office of Elder or Deacon. If you would like to see a list of our current Session and Deacons and recommend someone, please visit christtheking.com/staff/.



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MINISTRY BUDGET UPDATE

Please contact John Allison for more information at (713) 892-5464.

2020 Ministry Budget Goal	\$ 4,615,000
Received as of 12/20/20	\$ 3,571,170
Variance	\$ (1,043,830)

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Join us next Sunday, January 10, as our Sunday Morning Classes start back up. Everyone is invited to join us!

Sunday Morning Classes are places for you to participate and grow through topics that form you holistically as you follow Jesus. These are ongoing classes, available to all adults (some require pre-registration). Wherever you are in life, we have a place for you to journey together with others.

Counseling 101

Sundays, January 10, 14, 24, 31

10:30-11:40AM, The Redeemer Room (no on-line offering)

Join us as we explore the basics of counseling, human development, and the power of the Gospel working its way from our heads to our hearts and into our lives and relationships. Please register for this 4-week class as space will be limited due to the nature of discussion in the class. Taught by Leslie Peacock (M.A., LPC), Director of Counseling. Register at christtheking.com.

The Body, Medicine, and the Hope of Jesus

Sundays, February 7 - 28

10:30-11:40AM, The Redeemer Room and over Zoom

More details to come.

The Ten Commandments

Sundays, March 7 - May 23

10:30-11:40AM, The Redeemer Room and over Zoom

Jesus calls his disciples to respond to God in three basic ways: by believing in, belonging to, and becoming like Jesus. God's purpose for our new life in Christ is to make us like Jesus (Rom. 8:28-29) – not only in our actions, but also in our thoughts and attitudes. Through this class, we will see how The Ten Commandments address every area of life, giving us a portrait of life under the lordship of Jesus.

Mission and Mercy Framework

Sundays, June 6 - 27

10:30-11:40AM, The Redeemer Room and over Zoom

The church has a missionary identity because it belongs to a missionary God. We are called to join God in what He is doing in the world and to live as missionaries who reveal God's Kingdom in the places where He has already sent us. We do this through proclamation and through deeds of mercy and justice. Join us in this 4-week class as we review our theological convictions on this matter and address the practical implications for our lives.

BIBLE STUDY

If you are not yet involved in a Bible Study group at Christ the King, we encourage you to do so. Bible Studies are a great way to stay connected and grow deeper at Christ the King.

Join us, starting January 11, as we continue to study Isaiah. New participants are welcome!

Women's Bible Study

If you did not participate in the Fall, visit christtheking.com/adults to join a group. Limited childcare is available on Wednesday mornings at the church on a first come, first served basis.

Men's Bible Study

If you did not participate in the Fall, visit christtheking.com/adults to join a group. We will be meeting in our regular groups as well as gathering for breakfasts once a month.