



CROWN & CROSS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 23, 2020

THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth gives way.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress!**

❖ OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

ST. ANNE, William Croft and Isaac Watts

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖ 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.

❖ ONLY A HOLY GOD

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else can make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

Chorus:

*Come and behold him, the one and the only;
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God;
Come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God. (*Chorus*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a holy God, only my holy God. (*Chorus 2x*)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

FAITHFULNESS, Thomas O. Chisholm and William M. Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners,
but in Christ you have given us a Savior.

Produce in us a faith to live by him,
to make him our desire, our hope, our glory.

Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world,
so that its smiles never allure us,
its frowns never terrify us,
its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us.

Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims
in the cities of this earth,
knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven,
so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory;
in whose name we pray. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

1 John 3:1

Minister: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
 that we should be called children of God!

❖ 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.

❖ THE PEACE OF GOD

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:12-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON “Hollow Spirituality”
Crown and Cross

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST COMMUNION
Clementine Beatrice Wells

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 using the prayers printed below.

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

Prayer of Seeking Truth	Prayer of Belief
<i>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</i>	<i>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.</i>
<p>Prayer of Humble Access</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	

❖ 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

Ephesians 3:16-19

Minister: I pray that out of God's glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joe Beam	drums
Daniel Campbell	keyboard & vocals
Joe Deegan	guitar & vocals
Conrad Guthrie	bass
Jaime Jimenez	sermon
Taylor Leachman	liturgy
Frank Matta	electric guitar
Katie Reyes	vocals

AUDIO & VISUAL TEAM

Phil Betti	camera
Michelle Hays	projections
Colby Hodges	switcher
Will McKee	broadcast audio
Namath Naif	house audio

MINISTRY BUDGET UPDATE

2020 Ministry Budget Goal	\$ 4,615,000
Expected Giving through 8/16/20	\$ 2,928,750
Received as of 8/16/20	\$ 1,898,683
Variance	\$ (1,030,067)

Mission Partner Update

August 29, 3:00 pm, via Zoom

Join us for a virtual conversation with the Stoddards, our global Mission Partners in Europe. Eowyn and David will provide a brief update and would love to host a relaxed Q&A about their work as well as how to get into global mission. Email Jaime Jimenez for the Zoom link at jaime.jimenez@christtheking.com.

Student Ministry Parent Meeting

August 30, 11:30 am, via Zoom and in the Great Hall

All parents of 6th - 12th grade students are invited to join us in person or via Zoom to celebrate how we've seen God at work this summer, share what to expect this fall, and leave space for any questions you may have! Register at <https://bit.ly/30NF3Po>.

Children's Ministry Webinar: Promoting Your Child's Spiritual Growth at Home

August 30, 7:45 pm, via Zoom

The Children's Ministry invites all parents to join us for a short webinar as we hear encouragement from our new Pastor to Families, Taylor Leachman, on how to best tackle discipling our children at home during COVID-19. Director of Children's Ministry, Shannon Holland, will talk about the Children's Ministry plan for the fall, and we will have several couples on a panel discuss ways that they have found helpful to engage their kids with the scriptures at home. We will end with a time of Q&A. Register at christtheking.com/children.

The Fields are Open! Come Play!

The Fields at Christ the King are open for anyone to use throughout the week. We would love for you to bring your family, a good book, a picnic and even friends to enjoy some green space in the heart of the city! Please observe posted rules and remember to be mindful of physical distances.

Soccer at Christ the King

Please let us know if you are interested in your child participating in the West Houston Christian Sports Association soccer league this fall on the Fields at Christ the King. We are also looking for volunteers to coach and referee, even if you do not have children participating. The soccer league is for children who are in Pre-K4 through fifth grade. Let us know if you are interested at <https://bit.ly/3aGwgSP>.

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August 30 | 7:45 - 8:45 pm