



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“We think that if we don’t *feel* something there can be no authenticity in *doing* it. But the wisdom of God says something different: that we can *act* ourselves into a new way of feeling much quicker than we can *feel* ourselves into a new way of acting. Worship is an *act* that develops feelings for God, not a *feeling* for God that is expressed in an act of worship.”

Eugene Peterson

“What Jerusalem was to the Israelite, the church is to the Christian. Here are his closest ties, his brethren and companions, known and unknown, drawn with him to the center as fellow pilgrims.”

Derek Kidner

Lord's Day Worship

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

LEADER: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

People: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*SONG

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”

<https://youtu.be/4aobo8HrVro>

1.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

2.

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3.
Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

4.
Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION (CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hebrews. 12:22-24

People of God, what is the destination towards which we journey?

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. And yet we so readily seek rest, security, comfort, and peace elsewhere—in jobs, relationships, obedience, money, and power. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to turn away from the false peace and security offered by the creation. Teach our wayward hearts to rest in the peace and security purchased for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 44:21–22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

- That God would make us people who lament injustice, who long for peace and flourishing, and who pursue shalom in our city and world.
- We pray for Wanda Williams as she continues to care for Horace.
- We pray for Fran Halterman as she struggles with pain from a fractured pelvis. And for Vick as he cares for her.
- We pray for Marilyn Agee’s recovery from cataract surgery this week.
- We pray for Karis Keating’s recovery from the embolization procedure she underwent this week. We pray for Brad and Christy as they continue to care for her.
- We pray for our officer nominees as they continue in training, and that the Lord would continue to raise up leaders in his church.
- We pray for our local, state, and national leaders, that God would grant them wisdom and that they would govern justly. We pray especially for wisdom with regard to the pandemic and the recent civil unrest.
- That the Lord will ground us in the hope of the Gospel, that we might not be fearful but rest in the love of Christ for us.

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!
Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

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

SERMON

Rev. Todd Gwennap

“Desiring the Kingdom”
Songs for the Road

*SONG

“COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY”

<https://youtu.be/h-xQDm-KZw8>

1

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heavens' praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

2

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

3

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb of victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

4

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

*BENEDICTION

Based on Revelations 7:15-17

He who sits on the throne will shelter you with his presence. You shall neither hunger nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike you, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be your shepherd, and he will guide you to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from your eyes.

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