



Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday September 14, 2025

What Child Is This

William Chatterton Dix

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise a song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 115.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

Not to us, O Lord! Not to us, but to Your name, be the glory. Because of Your mercy, and because of Your truth!

Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” Our God is in the heavens! He does whatever He pleases!

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but they cannot speak. They have eyes, but they cannot see. They have ears, but they cannot hear. They have feet, but they cannot walk.

Those who make them, and everyone who trusts in them, will become like them. But as for us, we will bless the Lord from this time and forever.

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt Redman, Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

*Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from a Puritan prayer entitled "Heaven Desired".

Heavenly Father,

As we walk through life in this world, we long for eternity, when we will be with you forever. Where the means of grace will cease, and we will not need to fast, or pray, or weep, or wait. Where there is no grief, or sorrow, or sin, or death, or tears, or pain, or sickness. Where we will enjoy perfect beauty with perfect sight, perfect food with a perfect appetite, perfect music with a perfect ear.

In this life, we are limited in how we can see you and know you. But in heaven, we will see you and know you fully. We will be near you, and stand in your presence, as heirs of your kingdom, and members of your body.

Teach us to worship you well in this life, just as we will worship you in heaven, for all eternity.

Amen.

God the Uncreated One

Aaron Keyes, Pete James

God, the uncreated one
The author of salvation
Wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to his design
The one whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is king forever
He is king forever
He is king forevermore

God, our fortress and our strength
The rock on which we can depend
Matchless in his majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never-changing, Great I Am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown him king forever
Crown him king forever
Crown him king forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly prince of peace
Lifted high, the sinless man
Crucified, the spotless lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the father's hand
To reign as king forever
Reign as king forever
Reign as king forevermore

King eternal, God of grace
We crown you with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy, holy, holy, Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight

Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

Statement of Faith

Triune God

We believe in one true and living God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three persons are completely equal in attributes, each with the same divine nature, yet they are each distinct persons. The Triune God is wise, loving, merciful, faithful, patient, abundant in goodness and truth. He is infinite in being and perfection, self-existent and self-sufficient. He is the sovereign Creator of all things, and he upholds and governs all things. He is holy, and utterly opposed to sin; yet he graciously forgives the sin of his people.

Member Covenant

We will pray for, disciple, and watch over one another carefully. We will exhort, help, admonish, and rebuke one another as necessary.

Praise To the Lord the Almighty

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander, Straisund Gesangbuch

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

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters you under His wings
Yea, so gently sustaineth
Have you not seen how your desires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord
Who does prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend you

Praise to the Lord
Who with marvelous wisdom has made you
Decked you with health
And with loving hand guided and stayed you
How oft in grief has He not brought you relief
Spreading His wings for to shade you

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

** Children (up to 2nd grade) are dismissed to Children's Church.*

Sermon

Isaiah 1-5

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, John B. Dykes

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who was and is, and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Announcements

Benediction

After the service, please stay a while and fellowship with us. We are so glad you're here!

Visiting JRCC

We are so glad that you are here! We hope that your visit is encouraging to your soul. Please fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the offering (or online), so that we can get to know you!



Membership at JRCC

You are welcome to visit any time, but the best way to feel at home at JRCC is to become a member. If you are interested in membership, or have questions, please let us know!

Children

- Nursery (infants, up to age 3) is available during the service.
- Children's Church (age 4 to 2nd grade) begins when the sermon begins.



Giving

There are several ways to give to James River Community Church:

- In the offering box in the back of the sanctuary.
- Online or by mail, by visiting www.jrccsuffolk.org/give.

Reflection Questions

Questions to help you reflect on the sermon, or discuss it in community with others.



Contact

If you have any questions, or if there is anything that we can do to serve you, please let us know. We would love to hear from you!

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Announcements

- Sunday School
 - After Corporate Worship
- CAPS Barbecue Fundraiser
 - Sunday, September 21
- Ladies Retreat
 - September 26-27

