

Christ the King Sunday



November 23, 2025
10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Renee Downey, guest pianist

Worship Song

O Come to the Altar

Furtick, Brown, Joye, Brock

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Confession

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Lord God, we have failed as the people you call us to be.
We don't put you as a priority in our lives. We turn our backs on you.
We use your name freely to justify our actions.
We worship money and idols instead of serving the needy and poor.
We neglect those closest to us and take them for granted.
We murder with our words and push others away with our selfish actions.
We don't honor the promises that we make with you and with our partners.
We take without thinking through the consequences of our actions.
We lie to get ahead, make ourselves look better, and to spare feelings.
We are jealous of our neighbors and their possessions.

C: **Lord, Forgive us and bring your grace.**

P: Jesus came into this world to save us from our sins. God runs to us with open arms to offer forgiveness, mercy and love. As a called and ordained ministry of the church of Christ and by His authority and pronouncement to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN.**

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Prayers of the Church

*Your love is lifting me higher
Your love is lifting me higher
Your love is lifting me higher
Your love is. Your love is.*

(Refrain)

Let us pray for all those in the world that God created, kneeling, sitting, or standing.

Holy One, we praise you for your overwhelming grace in which you sent your one and only Son to redeem the world. When we face loss, doubt, or endings, lift our eyes to the promise that you are still creating life where we see none. Let the hope of the resurrection shape our courage, our compassion, and our joy today and always.

God of life and hope, guide the leaders of our nation and all nations with wisdom rooted in justice and compassion. Where there is conflict, sow in them the courage to choose peace over power, reconciliation over revenge. Let your resurrection hope awaken in every heart a vision of a world renewed by mercy, truth, and love.

And we sing...

(Refrain)

Spirit of God, move in and among your church. In a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building an equitable community where all are valued.

Living God, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. We lift up to you all on our congregational prayer list and all we name aloud at this time...

(Pause for congregation)

Comfort all in need of your tender care.

O God, we lift to you our prayers, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We sing our AMEN.

(Refrain)

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)



This Week's Story: Psalms of Thanksgiving
Icebreaker Question: What are you thankful for?

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

THE WORD

Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Melody Simpkins

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

How Beautiful

Paris, arr. Larson

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Statement of Belief

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Come to the Table— Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Communion

Words of Institution

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And 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.

OR

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Promises

Verse 1

God of Abraham You're the God of covenant
Of faithful promises
Time and time again You have proven
You do just what You say

Pre-Chorus

Though the storms may come
And the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass

Chorus

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

Interlude 1

Oh Seasons change
You remain the same

Verse 2

God from age to age
Though the earth may pass away
Your word remains the same yeah

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

Yes and Amen

McClarney, Moore, Brown

Verse 1

Father of kindness You have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need
Lord I can't help but sing

Marin, Barnes, Bowe, Moses, Gaines, Alvarado

Your history can prove
There's nothing You can't do
You're faithful and true

Interlude 2

Oh Your faithfulness
It never runs out
It never runs out
Oh Your faithfulness
Oh it never runs out
(Never runs out)
It never runs out
(Never runs out)

Bridge

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down
(REPEAT)

Vamp 1

From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name

Chorus 1

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Verse 2

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken ev'ry curse
Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing

Chorus 2

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are yes You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Bridge

I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness
(REPEAT)

Ending

All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Sending

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**