

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2011

Christian Year: Palm Sunday

Preparation for Worship

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of the donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

As we watch [Jesus'] progression into Jerusalem, and on to meet his fate, we must ourselves be drawn into the action, and the passion that awaits him. And we must ourselves become part of the means by which his message goes out to the world.

N. T. Wright

Is not "Jesus is Lord" the fundamental Christian confession? Yes - but only if the meaning of the predicate is wholly controlled by the subject. If sovereignty is defined by human experience apart from Jesus, then the slogan "Make Jesus king" becomes a blasphemous attempt to co-opt the sovereign power of God for corrupt human ambitions. The sentence "Jesus is Lord" is a true confession... only if sovereignty is defined by Calvary, only if the lordship is understood in terms of washing one another's feet.

Lesslie Newbigin

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 118* The Rev. P. Clay Holland

Minister: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Minister: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

***All Glory, Laud, and Honor**
Hymn No. 235

ST. THEODULPH

***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!**
Hymn No. 198 (Stanzas 1-2, 5)

TRURO

*Prayer of Adoration

O Lord Jesus Christ, at your Triumphal Entry you received the worship of those who hailed you as their King: Accept our praise and adoration, our worship and love; and grant that we, who now confess you with our lips, may never fail to give you the service of our lives, for the honor of your holy name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

*Congregation stands

‡ Congregation kneels

***Affirmation of Faith** *Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 23 & 26*

Minister: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

People: **Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

People: **Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

***Jesus Is Our King**

POST GREEN

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him,
Singing alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!

Create in us, O God, a humble heart that sets us free
To proclaim the wondrous majesty of our Father in heaven. (*Refrain*)

We bear the name of Christ – justified, we meet with him.
His words and presence calm our fear,
Revealing God, our Father, here. (*Refrain*)

Pour out your Spirit on us, empowering us to live as one,
To carry your redeeming love to a world enslaved by sin. (*Refrain*)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

9:30

Owen Andrew Trapp

Covenant child of Chrissy and John Trapp

11:00

Grayson Daer Casey

Covenant child of Julee and Rob Casey

Aiden Pierce Hendricks

Covenant child of Lori and Rob Hendricks

Lauren Grace Thompson

Covenant child of Karen and Joe Thompson

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley/Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head, with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart to all eternity.

‡ **Prayer for Christ's Church and the World**

The Rev. Eric Priest

‡ **Prayer of Confession**

King of Glory,
we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint,
our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous.
For we have surrendered to the enemy –
the world, the flesh, and the devil –
by our hidden and our known sins.

Silent Confession

For our treason you died, Lord Jesus.
For our restoration, you rose again.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we might be your loyal and loving servants,
bringing honor to your name in word and deed.
This we pray in your name, Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

John 3:16-17

Minister: God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

***Before the Throne of God Above**

Bancroft/Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written in his heart,
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

***The Peace of God**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Offering

Mighty to Save
Kids' Choir

Fielding and Morgan

In the 9:30 service, children (four years old – 2nd grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship.

Scripture Reading

Stacey and Andrew White

John 12:12-19
Page 899 in the black Bibles

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

The Sermon

"The Return of the King" Clay Holland
That You May Believe: Tragedy and Victory in John

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 come forward. If you are not a Christian, we invite you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.

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 and Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: **Have mercy upon us!**
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People: **Have mercy upon us!**
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: **Grant us your peace!**
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.
We would be happy to serve you at your seat.*

*If you would like gluten-free communion bread, please request it from your server.
We serve wine during communion. If you prefer grape juice, please request it when served.*

Communion Prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

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.

Prayer of Belief

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.

Prayer of Humble Access

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.

In My Place
Joe Deegan, solo

Bleecker and Boswell

Forever

Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; his love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm;
his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise. (*Chorus*)

***Concluding Prayer**

Faithful God, may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.

***The Benediction**

Minister: May the blessing of our Lord, the King of Glory,
be upon you and remain with you always.
People: **Amen.**

*Serving in Worship today: Mark Austin, trumpet; Steve Begnoche, percussion;
Cindy Cook, organ; Mike Hagedorn, guitar; Michelle Hays, violin; Carrie Kauk, violin;
Emily Kuo, piano; Amy Wiggs, flute; Steven Wiggs, cello.
Christopher Jachmich and Betty Liang, vocalists.
Chris Hunniford (9:30) and Joe Tipton (11:00), worship assistants.*

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