

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Presbyterian Church

November 6, 2011

Christian Year: All Saints' Sunday

Preparation for Worship

Is the LORD among us or not?

Exodus 17:7

For [the people of God] drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:4

Freedom means always keeping your options open, so it means you never settle on truth, you never arrive, you never rest....The more you get, the more you hunger for more. The life of perpetual choice is a life of perpetual longing as you are prodded by the inextinguishable desire to try the next new thing.

David Brooks

I can control most things, but I don't seem to be able to control death.

Al Davis

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 145* The Rev. P. Clay Holland

Minister: I will extol you my God and my King,
and bless your name forever.

**People: The Lord is good to all;
his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Minister: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord.
Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever!**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Hymn No. 457

NETTLETON

*Prayer of Adoration

It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God,
for you are the source of light and life.

In all times and places
your people proclaim your glory in unending praise.

We praise you today for saints and martyrs,
faithful people in every age
who have followed your Son, Jesus Christ.

As they witnessed to Christ's resurrection,
may we be strengthened by their witness
and supported by their fellowship,
that we may run with perseverance
the race that lies before us
and, with them, receive the unfading crown of glory. Amen.

*Congregation stands

‡Congregation kneels

***For All the Saints**

SINE NOMINE

Hymn No. 358 (Stanzas 1-3, 6)

***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.

***The Doxology**

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

2011 Women's Christmas Dinner

Julie Wells

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Greg Gleason

‡Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Jared Huffman (9:30)

Blake Arnoult (11:00)

God of grace, in every age
you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.
Forgive our indifference to your will.
You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.
You have commanded us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.
Have mercy on us, your servants.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
help us to know, serve, and love you more,
to the praise of your holy name.
Amen.

***I Love the Lord (Psalm 116)**

Watts/Taylor

I love the Lord; he heard my cries, and pitied every groan:
Long as I live, when troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne.
I love the Lord; he bowed his ear, and chased my griefs away;
O let my heart no more despair, while I have breath to pray!
What shall I render to my God for all his kindness shown?
My feet shall visit your abode, my songs address your throne.
How much is mercy your delight, when unto you I cry;
How dear your servants in your sight! How precious when they die!
How happy all your servants are! How great your grace to me!
My life, which you have made your care, Lord, I devote to thee.
Now I am yours, forever yours, nor shall my purpose move;
Your hand has loosed my bonds of pain, and bound me with your love!

*The Peace of God

Leader: Because the Lord has set us free from sin, we have peace
with him and with one another.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

*In the 9:30 service, children (four years old - 2nd grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship.
Parents and guardians, please escort departing children into the Gathering Hall.*

Announcements

The Offering

Speak, O Lord

Townend & Getty

Speak, O Lord as we come to you,
to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.
Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Scripture Reading

James Reavis

Exodus 17:1-7
Page 59 in the black Bibles

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

The Sermon

*"Grace Under Fire"
Freedom and Faith*

Clay Holland

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, please consider spending 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: 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 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.

Song of Moses

Keyes

O the Lord, our strength and song, highest praise to him belongs;
Christ the Lord our conquering King, your name we raise, your triumphs sing.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior.

Praise the Lord, the Glorious One.

By his hand we stand in victory,

And by his name we overcome.

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship you.
You divide the raging sea; from death to life you safely lead. (*Chorus*)

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven are crying out:
"Glory, glory to the King! You reign for all eternity!" (*Chorus*)

Bridge:

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. (4x)

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 oceans depth its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's 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.

***Concluding Prayer**

Eternal Father, neither death nor life can separate us from your love.
Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints,
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

Minister: Go now into the world to love and serve our God.

People: We go in the name of Christ.

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the
Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you
all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Serving in Worship today: Mark Austin, trumpet; Dave Bennett, guitar; Cindy Cook, organ; Mark Miller, piano;
Lovie Smith-Wright, percussion; Amy Wiggs, flute; Steven Wiggs, cello, Brian Wunder, saxophone.*

Meg McClure and Ryan Whitley, vocalists.

Sidney Kennard (9:30) and Wes Hinton (11:00), worship assistants.

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