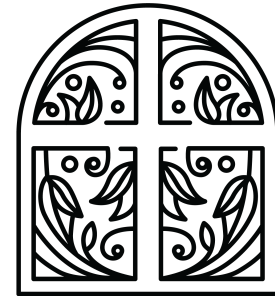




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CHRIST

OUR REDEEMER

WE MEET SUNDAYS *at* 10:00AM

Rancho Campana High School
4235 Mar Vista Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010



CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

MARCH 24, 2024

WELCOME *to* CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

We are a community committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ
which offers forgiveness to sinners, healing to the wounded,
direction to the wayward and scattered, and rest for wearied travelers.
Here, we come to be joined together into our belonging
in the larger Story of God.

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We're so glad you've joined us today.
Please stay for a time of snacks and fellowship immediately after the worship service.



NEW *or* VISITING?

Fill out a connect card by using this QR code, which will direct you to our form (corpcavc.org/connect-card).

KIDS *and* NURSERY

We provide Kids and Nursery classes during the sermon time.
We encourage parents to have their children with them at the beginning of the worship service.
Our Kids and Nursery classes will be dismissed prior to the sermon and will be brought back to be with their parents at the end of the sermon and prior to the Lord's Supper.¹

ABOUT CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

To learn more about our church and what we value, please visit our website:
corpcavc.org

OFFICERS *of* THE CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY

LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST

Lent is the season of remembering the sufferings of Jesus. As inhabitants of a broken world filled with sin, suffering, and pain, Lent is the hopeful recall of how Jesus came to suffer with and for His people. As Lent lasts for forty days, We commemorate Lent for forty days, as it recalls Christ's fasting during His temptation/fasting in the wilderness as our Second Adam.

¹ On the First Sunday of each month, we have covenant worship (meaning, we worship together through all ages). On these Sundays, we don't provide Nursery and Kids classes. We encourage your children to participate with us in our worship service.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

- Thank you COR Eats Team for putting together our snacks and refreshments to enjoy after service. If you would like to get involved with our COR Eats Team, please reach out to Deanne (onlycomfort@gmail.com).
- We will be having Good Friday service this Friday from 7:00-8:00pm at Rancho Campana HS. We will be meeting in the Commons (cafeteria), where we usually meet for Sunday worship service. Please follow our signs, and you'll be guided to our worship service.
- Next Sunday (Easter Sunday), there will be NO Kids/ Nursery classes, with it being Easter Sunday. Parents, please take note as we look forward to worshipping together across all generations.
- If you are willing/able to teach or help with our Kids/ Nursery classes, we have a need. Please reach out to Sun (sun@corpcavc.org) if you have an interest in serving in our COR Kids/Nursery classes..

BAPTISM *and* MEMBERSHIP

If you're interested in either being baptized (or having your child baptized) or becoming a member of the church, please reach out to Sun (sun@corpcavc.org).

STUDENTS (YOUTH *and* COLLEGE)

Our students will be gathering this coming Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm for Bible Study at the Wong home. For more information, please contact Jon (jon@corpcavc.org).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Durant CG (Camarillo)
Twice a month on Sunday 1:30-3:00pm
Next gathering: TBA
Brad: (909) 801-1276 | Rebecca: (269) 228-1326

Wong CG (Camarillo)
Twice a month on Wednesday 7:00-8:30pm
Next gathering: TBA
Bora: (805) 970-1050 | Cal: (805) 469-1950

Cho CG (Ventura)
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00-8:30pm
Next gathering: Apr 4
Cathy: (818) 669-5891

Kwak CG (Camarillo)
Every Thursday 6:00-8:00pm (taking two week break)
Next gathering: Apr 4
Judy: (650) 380-8304 | Sun: (916) 896-8596

McPhail CG (Camarillo)
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00-8:30pm
Next gathering: Mar 28
Leah: (704) 608-4816 | Mitchell: (980) 417-9542

GIVING OPTIONS

In Person: We have an offering box in the back of the worship hall where you can give tithes/offerings.
My Mail: You can mail your tithes/offerings by sending them here: (Christ Our Redeemer PCA, 1308 Calle Aurora, Camarillo, CA 93010).
Online: You can use this QR code, which will direct you to our giving page (corpcavc.org/give).



REQUEST PRAYER

Our elders would love to pray with and for you. Please speak to us in person or fill out a form online.
This QR code will take you to our form online to fill out (corpcavc.org/prayer-request).

GUIDELINES *for* THE LORD'S SUPPER

WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?

The Lord's Supper, also known as Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We welcome to the Lord's Table all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin, who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are baptized believers, and are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel. As a means of grace, it is not so much a declaration of your commitment to God, as it is His commitment to you. If you do not identify as a Christian, we ask that you refrain from partaking of this family meal, as it's something that does not reflect your own spiritual journey. We're so glad that you're here with us, and we're here to come around you and to wrestle together with questions. We encourage you to spend this time in reflection and in observation. It's our prayer that one day, you'll join us as a part of the family of God and in this family meal.

For those partaking in the Supper, please come forward with your family. We would love to speak to and lift up a prayer for your little ones, even if they won't be partaking in the elements themselves. They're just as much a part of this family of faith. We provide gluten-free wafers, along with wine and grape juice. The wine will be served on the outer rim, while the grape juice will be in the inner rings of trays. Please partake in these elements once you've received your elements at the Table.

PRAYER *for* NAVIGATION *to* TRUTH

God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today, but I want to trust that You are good, loving, and just. I want to know more about the promises You declare, and I want to know if You are the true God. I don't have answers, have so many questions, and need to be persuaded. But if You are God, please don't let me go. But instead, let me know that You are real, calm my fears, soften my cynicism, and be patient with my doubts and questions. Guide me toward truth and toward You. Amen.

PRAYER *for* BELIEF *and* REPENTANCE

Jesus, I believe that You are who You say You are – the Son of the living God and the Savior of broken, lost, and wayward people like me. I admit that I am weaker and even more sinful than I ever believed. But through Your grace, I believe that I am more accepted and loved than I ever dare hoped. Reclaim my heart to Your gospel promises and convict my heart of my need for You as my Savior. Guide my affections away from my sin, minister to my wounds, and steer my thoughts toward You. Amen.

PRAYER *for* RENEWAL

Father, this life is filled with bumps and detours, fatiguing my heart that longs for Your gospel rest. As I take this bread and wine, set apart my affections in reminder of Your promises for me. Reinvigorate within me energy to love and to follow after You. May Jesus as the living bread of life fill me anew with the astounding promises in Your living and active Word. As You have declared Your commitment to me, use these means to renew my commitment to You. Amen.

THE LORD'S DAY

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY *of* LENT

WELCOME

Sun Kwak

"To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."²

CALL *to* WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1-4, 14-16, 25, 28-29

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- ³ Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- ⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
- ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; I will extol You.
- ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! We are so glad that you've joined us this morning. We're told in the Bible that we are to "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed [us], for the glory of God" (Rom 15:7). As we enter into corporate worship, we're shown here that through our welcome, we direct one another to the glory of God. We sincerely welcome everyone here at Christ Our Redeemer.

Why worship? We relate to God differently than with one another. We were created for worship by our God who desires our company (Isa 43:21), and worship keeps this relationship intact. This relationship has been severed by humanity's rebellion against God. Without exception, all have sinned (Rom 5:12), and the contagion of sin has contaminated our relationships, ethics, and culture. Through worship, God in His grace and initiative repairs and restores what's been broken by our sinfulness. We worship, therefore, in response to what God has already done for us.

God calls us to worship. Our worship service begins with God's call through His Word. In the story of salvation, it's not we who approach God in our penitence but God who initiated reconciliation while we were still sinners (Rom 5:8,10). Our call to worship serves as a weekly reminder that God came to us first, in spite of our defiance against Him.

² Words originally from James M. Boice while serving as pastor at Tenth Presbyterian Church.

What is an invocation? To invoke someone is to call out for help. In antiquity, when entering into a covenant relationship with a king, subjects were given the privilege to call upon the king for help in times of need. In worship, we call upon God for help, in recognition that worship wages war against the forces of evil, sin, and death. In invoking our King, our confidence lies in He who goes before us.

What is liturgy? We come together to share in the telling and retelling of the story of the gospel. These patterns for regularly telling this story shape our church's liturgy.

The word *liturgy* comes from two words – *people* and *work*. In the first century, it was a word used to describe a *public service or duty*. When the word became used for corporate worship, it described God's commitment to serve His people. Liturgy, thus, is not an expression of worshipers coming to serve God but of God coming to serve the needs of His people.

Our conviction is that God serves us through the ministry of His grace. Our liturgy, therefore, centers around the story of the gospel. Through our confessing, we say together that we need Jesus just as much as our neighbors do. Through our singing, we tune ourselves to a heavenly melody that touches our soil. Through our listening, we quiet accusations with a verdict declared to us once and for all. Through our communion with God, we are lead to consider and to respond to His grace. At its heart, liturgy is an evangelistic order and declaration to invite sinners to be served by our gracious God. And so, with great thought, consideration, and intentionality, our liturgy provides the meeting place where God meets His people by His grace.

INVOCATION

- Leader:

Our Father, we’ve assembled in this meeting place where our emptiness is recognized, our longings are felt, and the whispers of tomorrow have enchanted our dulled and wearied hearts. We pray that You would use the hollows of our hearts to be containers in which Your grace and mercies fill. And may the fragrant overflow of Your grace create in this gathering the aroma of Christ.
- People:

We’ve come to meet You, our God. For You’ve not only promised liberation but eternal satisfaction in Christ. Fill our hearts with joy through words that have been punctuated, promises that have been kept, and sacrifices that have been made.
- Leader:

Give vocabulary to our cries, O God, for the days are long. Hosanna is the cry of us with hands reaching upward. Meet these with the grip of transforming safety and security. By the power of Your grace, press our hearts and our affections to the experience of sweeter wine, a mere foretaste of our eternal outpour.
- People:

Show us our King, who set His face toward Jerusalem in commitment to being pressed, squeezed, and wrung out for our forgiveness and life.
- Leader:

So, draw near to our cries, O Father.
We’ve come to You as Your children.
Show us Your steps to Jerusalem, O Jesus.
We’ve come in frail approach.
Shout the gospel to our hearts, O Spirit.
We’ve come to see our King.
- All:

Call us to worship in spirit and in truth. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SONG *of* GATHERING

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
(Lyrics on pg. 4)

PRAYER *of* ADORATION

Caleb Frahm

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Minister:

The Lord be with you!
- People:

And also with you!
- Minister:

Lift up your hearts!
- People:

We lift them up to the Lord our God!
- Minister:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- People:

It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING

Sun Kwak

WORDS *of* INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
(Refer to pg. 13 for questions about the Lord’s Supper and how it’s celebrated at our church.)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

- Minister:

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith!
- People:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!
- Minister:

Christ, our Passover, sacrificed for us!
- People:

Therefore, let us keep the feast!
- Minister:

The gifts of God for the people of God!
- People:

Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dave Blank
(Announcements on pg. 14)

The Lord’s Supper. The word ‘sacrament’ comes from the Greek word which means ‘mystery.’ Richard Muller describes the mystical union between believers and the resurrected Christ as “the spiritual union of the believer with the exalted Christ, a participation in the thing signified by means of faithful participation in the sign and the concomitant operation of the Spirit that joins together by grace the uplifted heart of the believer and the person of Christ with all its benefits.”

Doxology comes from the words “doxa” (glory) and “logia” (language). Psalm 150 seals the Psalms with thirteen expressions of praise. In this worship book packed with the whole gamut of life’s experiences and emotions, it all ends in praise. And here, it all ends in praise.

Benediction comes from the Latin “bene” (well) and “dicere” (to speak). This is a good and final word from God to seal the worship service. In this, He declares over us that our sins, our anxieties, our doubts, and our forgetfulness get not the last word. But His grace, His faithfulness, and His remembrance of us and His promises get the last word in the worship service.

JESUS *with* THY CHURCH ABIDE

Verse 1

Jesus with Thy church abide
Be her Savior Lord and Guide
While on earth her faith is tried
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us

Verse 2

Keep her life and doctrine pure
Grant her patience to endure
Trusting in Thy promise sure
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us

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Verse 3

May she one in doctrine be
One in truth and charity
Winning all the world to Thee
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us

Verse 4

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

ALL HAIL THE POWER *of* JESUS' NAME

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 3

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

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Why do we confess our sins?

In confessing, we recognize simultaneously who we are and who God is. While we are sinful and imperfect, God is holy and without blemish. And yet, when we come in confession, we also acknowledge that our need for forgiveness are brought to a gracious King. And so, we confess our sins and our lack, while believing that God’s cleansing grace is deeper than our deficiencies. Cleansing requires the unilateral commitment of God to search into the inner recesses of the human heart. While we may fix our attention upon external appearances, God looks at the heart (1 Sam 16:7) and searches it (Ps 139:23). But the promise we are given is that when we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us of all of our unrighteousness (1 Jn 1:9).

What is the Passing of the Peace?

In John 14:27, Jesus tells us, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you.” We share the peace we now have with God, as those forgiven of our sins in Christ. At Christ Our Redeemer, we say that this is the time where we celebrate the forgiveness we have in Christ. After hearing our declaration of pardon and that we now have peace with God, we extend our kindness and hospitality toward one another as a response to the forgiveness of sins.

In the middle of service, we grind to a halt to shake hands, to welcome newcomers, to give hugs, to share smiles from the joy we have in the gospel of Christ we share. It’s a very intentional chaos that we welcome in the midst of our worship order, to proclaim the peace and presence of Christ among us.

³ Scripture references for the Lord’s Prayer: Matt 6:9-13; Lk 11:1-4; 1 Chron 29:11.

CONFESSION of SIN

Colossians 2:13-15

13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **14** by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. **15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

(concluded with The Lord’s Prayer)

Jon Kim

All: **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.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory,
 forever. Amen.³**

DECLARATION of PARDON

Romans 5:1

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you!
People: **And also with you!**

PASSING of THE PEACE

SERMON NOTES

NEXT WEEK’S SERMON

March 31, 2024
Series: The Story of God
Passage: Exodus 14:21-31
Sermon Title: “Crossing Over into New Life”
Preacher: Sun Kwak

Consecrated by the Word of God.

At the center of our worship service is the Scripture reading and sermon. Jesus prays for His people, “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth” (Jn 17:17). Here, God declares to us that we are His new creation. As a church, we are formed by the Word that testifies of this story of grace and renewal. The apostle Paul describes the Scriptures to be “God-breathed” (2 Tim 3:16), alluding to the same breath and power that breathed life into lifeless dust when God created man (Gen 2:7). As our worship service centers on God’s service to us, we are brought to the Word proclaimed.

What is the gospel? The word *gospel* comes from the Greek word (euangelion) understood as ‘good news.’ In ancient times, this was the declaration of a runner who would carry news back to one’s city of the victory attained in battle, where victory in the battlefield represented victory for all those in the city.

We, who are sinful by nature and in action, are said to have been “slaves of righteousness” (Rom 6:18). And in order to rescue us, Jesus came to wage war against sin and death. As those whose wrists are marked by the handcuffs of sin and death, we receive our liberation through Jesus whose own wrists were marked and pinned onto the cross for our sins. The innocent died for the guilty that we might receive forgiveness. The blood of Jesus “speaks a better word” (Heb 12:24), as it demands our acquittal by His payment.

And while our battle with sin is not over, the war has been won. For the gospel declares upon us a definitive verdict earned for us by Jesus. It’s thus a story that’s been written, with an ending that can’t be altered, even with our failings and shortcomings on a weekly and regular basis.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2:23-3:12 (ESV)

23 During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. **24** And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. **25** God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

3 ¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then He said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ And He said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

Sun Kwak

SERMON

Sun Kwak

“Entering the Cries of a Silenced People”

PRAYER *for* APPLICATION

Sun Kwak

SONG *of* RESPONSE

Jesus with Thy Church Abide
(Lyrics on pg. 11)

CONFESSION *of* FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**All: 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
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.⁴
The third day, He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there, He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic⁵ church,
the communion of saints,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SONG *of* ASSURANCE

Give Me Jesus
(Lyrics on pg. 7)

SONG *of* PRAISE

King of Kings
(Lyrics on pg. 8)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dave Blank

(After this time, our Nursery and Kids classes will be dismissed into their classrooms. Parents, you are welcome to have your children stay with you throughout the service. But should you choose to have your children join one of our classes, please take them to the classrooms after this time to drop them off. After the sermon and prior to the Lord’s Supper, please pick them up from their classrooms.)

The Apostles’ Creed began being used in churches in the 4th century, to provide the church a summary of the Scriptures along with doctrinal guardrails. We use the ecumenical creeds in unity with the larger body of Christ, to affirm the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Zacharias Ursinus said of the Apostles’ Creed: “It signifies a brief and summary form of the Christian faith, which distinguishes the church and her members from various sects.”

Why do we use creeds and confessions? Carl Trueman provides the following for the usage of creeds and confessions in today’s church: (1) They witness to the fact that no Christian simply believes the Bible; all believe the Bible actually means something, and the basic elements of what it means can be synthesized in statements of faith. To claim that one has no creed or confession but the Bible is misleading at best. (2) They offer concise summaries of what churches believe. They can function both as pedagogical tools in discipleship and as apologetic tools in evangelism. (3) They focus Christians onto non-negotiable matters to the faith and on matters of importance to the well-being and good practice of the church. (4) They witness to the historical, ecumenical nature of Christianity, connecting the contemporary church with the church of the past and, indeed, the church today in other lands. (5) They fulfill liturgical and doxological purposes by providing content and even words for praise and prayer.

⁴ Heidelberg Catechism 44 asks, “Why is there added, ‘He descended into hell’?” Answer “That in my greatest temptations, I may be assured, and wholly comfort myself in this, that my Lord Jesus Christ, by His inexpressible anguish, pains, terrors, and hellish agonies, in which He was plunged during all His sufferings, but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torments of hell.”

⁵ Lower case c catholic is in reference not to the Roman Catholic Church but to the universal church. This is in reference to the true Christian Church of all times and places.

GIVE ME JESUS

Verse 1

Take the world, but give me Jesus
All its joys are but a name
But His love abides forever
Through eternal years the same

Verse 2

Take the world, but give me Jesus
Sweetest comfort of my soul
With my Savior watching o'er me
I can sing though billows roll

Chorus

Oh, the height and depth of mercy
Oh, the length and breadth of love
Oh, the fullness of redemption
Pledge of endless life above
Take this world, my God's enough!

Verse 3

Take the world, but give me Jesus
In His cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision
Face to face my Lord I see

Chorus

Oh, the height and depth of mercy
Oh, the length and breadth of love
Oh, the fullness of redemption
Pledge of endless life above
Take this world, my God's enough!

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Verse 4

Take this world and give me Jesus
In His cross my trust shall be
Take this world and give me Jesus
Till that day my Lord I see

Verse 4 (repeat)

Take this world and give me Jesus
In His cross my trust shall be
Take this world and give me Jesus
Till that day my Lord I see

Chorus

Oh, the height and depth of mercy
Oh, the length and breadth of love
Oh, the fullness of redemption
Pledge of endless life above
Take this world, my God's enough!

Outro

Take this world, my God's enough!
Take this world, my God's enough!

KING *of* KINGS

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
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Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was filled
With the Spirit from on high
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not die
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Outro

Praise forever to the King of kings