

CHRIST the KING

Fourth Lord's Day

Eastertide

APRIL 21, 2024

The Lord's Service

Christ the King Church exists because of God's grace and for the sake of His glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to join us in our highest privilege—worshiping the Triune God. In the Lord's Service, the Father renews covenant with His people in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament, and respond in faithful prayer and sacrificial praise, through our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

Please use the prelude to prepare your heart for worship. Jesus taught us that if your brother has something against you, before any other act of worship, you ought to be reconciled to him. Please do not delay this, if necessary.

The congregation will stand after the prelude, and during portions of the service. Those who are able are encouraged to kneel during the confession of sin. We also invite you to give a hearty "Amen!" after each prayer and song and to raise your hands to our Father in heaven during the Lord's Prayer.

We delight having our covenant children worship with us. They are part of God's royal priesthood, just as much as their parents! Jesus singled them out as models for entering the kingdom because of their humble faith, saying "Of such is the kingdom of God!"

We have included some instructional helps [in italics] in the liturgy. If you'd like to learn more about why we worship the way we do, we would be glad to talk. If this is one of your first visits to Christ the King, we are grateful that you joined us today and would like to get to know you better. Please join us for our Feast directly after the service (we made extra).

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need the Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; and to whomsoever will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to him as Lord and Liberator.

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Eastertide

He is risen! Alleluia! Christ has conquered sin and death! Easter "is the day which the Lord has made, the Feast of Feasts, and our Pasch: the Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to the flesh." "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" -1 Peter 1 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool." -Isaiah 1. Easter Sunday begins the 50-day season of Eastertide. White is a fitting color for this season of joy and celebration.

The Lord Calls Us

Welcome & Prelude

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Arise and let us worship God! [stand]

Processional



Call to Worship

We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! May the Lord our God favor you!

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

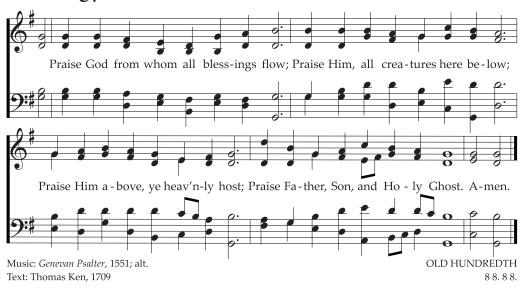
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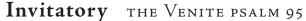
Our feet are standing within Your gates, O Jerusalem!

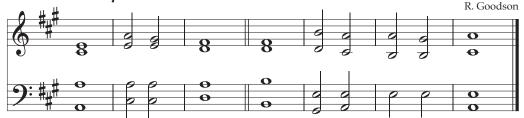
Our help is in the name of the LORD!

Maker of heaven and earth!

Doxology







Come, let us sing for | joy to | Yahweh;

Let us shout to the | Rock of | our sal- | vation;

Let us come before His face | with thanks- | giving;

With songs | let us | shout to | Him.

For a great | Mighty One + is | Yahweh,

And a great | King a- | bove all | gods.

In His hand are the | depths of • the | earth,

And the peaks | of the | mountains are | His.

His is the sea, | for He | made it,

And the | dry land | His hands | formed.

Come, let us worship and | **Bow** | down;

Let us kneel be- | fore Yah- | weh our | Maker.

For it is He | who is + our | God,

And we are the peo-ple of His pasture,

And the | **SHEEP** | of His | hand.

Today His voice you will hear: Do not harden your hearts as at | Stri-ving | Waters,

As in the day of | Testing Place | in the | wilderness,

When your fathers | test-ed | Me;

They tried Me, though | they had | seen My | work.

For forty years I abhorred that generation, and said:

A people who wander in their | heart are | these,

And they do not ac- | knowl-edge | My | ways.

Therefore, I swore | in Mine | anger:

Never shall they | en-ter | into My | rest.

Glory | to the | Father,

And to the | Son + and to the | Ho-ly | Spirit,

As it was | in the + be- | ginning,

Is now and ever shall be, | age after | age. A- | men.

[please sit]

Receiving New Members Canney & Maddox Families

Joe & Melissa, Addison, Emerson, Ellody, Annabelle, Sullivan Canney

BILL & VIVIAN, STEPHEN MADDOX

[to the families]

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His wrath, and without hope apart from His sovereign mercy?

We do.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you trust in Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel, as priest, king, and prophet?

We do.

Do you now promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will strive to live a life of repentance and obedience, in a manner worthy of the followers of Christ?

We do.

Do you hold to the historic Christian faith as it has been preserved in the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed?

We do.

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

We do.

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to pursue its purity and peace?

We do.

Psalm 133



Music: David R. Erb, 2006 © derb@nsa.edu; arr. Michael E. Owens, 2015 Text: *Holy Bible, New King James Version*, 1982 © 1983, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc.

The Lord Cleanses Us

THE SIN OFFERING

Covenant family of God, our Creator and Redeemer teaches us that he who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will find mercy. Let us call upon our merciful Father to hear our confession, that He might grant us forgiveness in Christ and strength to repent through the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 51



The Lord calls upon us to make confession of our sin in the sure confidence that He is faithful and just to forgive us and restore us to the joy of our salvation.

Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins together.

Confession of Sin [please kneel]

Most merciful God.

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, By what we have done, And by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For these sins and for our sinfulness,

We are truly contrite and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us and forgive us; That we may delight in Your will, And walk in Your ways, To the glory of Your Name.

Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

Declaration of Absolution [stand]

Brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ is risen and has conquered sin and death. Know surely, your sins are fully and freely forgiven! Believe the gospel and rejoice in the hope of eternal life.

Amen!

The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

Hymn of Ascent



Lift up your hearts!

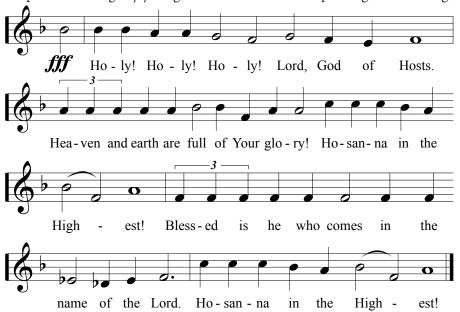
We lift them up to the Lord!

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouth will declare Your praise!

Sanctus

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Collect

Lord God, Heavenly Father, In your fatherly goodness You allow your children to come under your chastening rod here on earth that we may be like your only begotten Son in suffering here and in glory hereafter. Comfort us in temptations and afflictions by your Holy Spirit that we may not fall into despair, but that we may continually trust in your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and will then be followed by eternal joy. In patient hope, help us overcome all evil and at last obtain eternal salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

Amen.

Source: Veit Dietrich, d. 1549, Easter IV

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Scripture Lessons

Man shall not live by bread alone,

But by every word that comes from the mouth of God!

More desirable than gold, even much fine gold:

Sweeter also than honey, and the drippings of the honeycomb!

First Lesson Leviticus 19

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!



Second Lesson I JOHN 3:19-4:21

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Gradual [stand]

How Lovely, LORD of Hosts, to Me



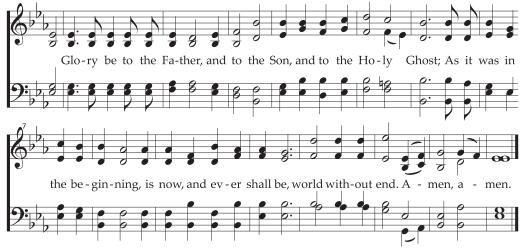
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Gospel Lesson John 7:25-53

This is the Gospel of Christ!

Praise be to Christ!

Gloria Patri



Music: Henry W. Greatorex (1813–1858) Text: Traditional, c. 100s

[please sit]

Lesson of the Day I SAMUEL 2:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon The Exalted Horn

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Music: English traditional melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text: Horatius Bonar (1808–1889) KINGSFOLD 8 6. 8 6. 8 6. 8 6.

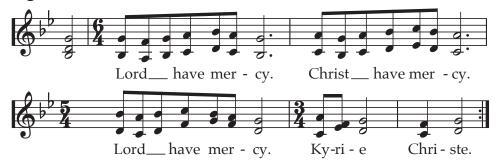
Offertory Prayer

Father, receive now these gifts offered to You in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, as we return to You a portion of that which You have freely given us. Use these tithes and offerings to support the work of the Church, to care for the poor and needy, to promote the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up Your kingdom.

In the Name of Christ,

Amen!

Song of Intercession Kyrie



Prayer for the Church and World

As God's royal priesthood, let us stand for prayer. [stand]

O Lord Jesus Christ, You were put to death so that You would become the Author of life, and You were buried so that You would rise from the grave. You set the dead free by your death, and You abolished the penalty of sin by your crucifixion. With that same compassion that moved You to suffer all for us, incline your ear to our prayers for all people, and put an end to our misery with your heavenly joy. Lord in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the oppressed, the afflicted, and suffering of the world and our congregation; [especially ______,] that You may impart peace, health, and salvation; Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who do not believe, and those who have fallen away, that faith and repentance may be kindled in their hearts through the Word; Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those who govern our country, Greenville county, and surrounding cities; especially our governor Henry McMaster, our Sheriff Hobart Lewis, and our South Carolina Legislature; that they might govern by your law with wisdom, with compassion for those in need, and with justice for all; Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the Church Militant throughout all the earth, that she may manifest the Light of Jesus Christ to all through her good works and teaching; sanctify and grow her into the full stature of Christ's maturity, that the nations may be converted and discipled;

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our community and all our people, that as our God and Father, bless us, keep us, and watch over us, that we may fulfill your will and obtain your good favor; especially bless and defend our congregation and all the churches of this city; Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all our members and their families, strengthen husbands to love their wives, and wives to submit to their husbands, and parents to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord; strengthen children to obey their parents with cheerfulness, and students to pursue excellence and honesty; and the unmarried to abound in joyful, contented service in their vocations; and the elderly to shine with the light of the wisdom of Christ, as our examples; Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, Faithful and True,

Ride forth, judge, and make war: against all who in wickedness lead your church astray with false teaching or immoral living; against those who corrupt our land by doing, approving, and promoting evils that your Word calls abominations; against those who perpetuate injustice and oppression; smash your enemies with a rod of iron and slay them with the breath of your lips; Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

And now hear us as we join our hearts, voices, and hands in the prayer Your Son, our Savior, taught us:



Confession of Faith Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith together.

Christian, in whom do you believe?

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

Begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God,

Light of Light,

very God of very God;

Begotten, not made,

Being of one substance with the Father,

By whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation,

Came down from heaven,

And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,

And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven,

And sits on the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The Lord and Giver of Life;

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

And I look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Lord Communes with us

THE PEACE OFFERING

Preface

Let us proclaim the faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again!

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast!

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but resting in your great mercy.

Heavenly Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves to You as a living sacrifice. As we break the bread together and share the cup, make us to be the one body of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to the Lord.

The Lord's Supper [sit and feast together]

This supper belongs to all Christians, not just Christ the King Church, and so we invite all members of God's family to partake with us, as the one body of Christ. If you are a baptized Christian, and not under church discipline—come and feast, celebrating Christ's victory over sin, death, and Satan.

The Bread

Prayer, Breaking of Bread, Distribution, Eating

Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



Music: Croatian traditional melody; adapt. Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797 Text: John Newton, 1779 AUSTRIAN HYMN 87.87.87.87.

The Wine

Having made peace through the blood of His cross, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we drink the cup of the Lord together at His table, turn in your pew to fellowship with those sitting nearby and pass "the peace of Christ."

Prayer, Distribution, Drinking & Passing the Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us stand and pray. [stand]

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for making us partakers of the body and blood of Your Son, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We praise You for serving us this heavenly food, which assures us that we belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Send us out in His strength to be salt and light wherever You lead us. Draw many people to love and follow You, as they see Your truth, beauty, and goodness in us. Amen.

The Lord Commissions Us

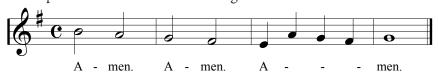
Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound



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Benediction

Look up and receive the Lord's blessing.





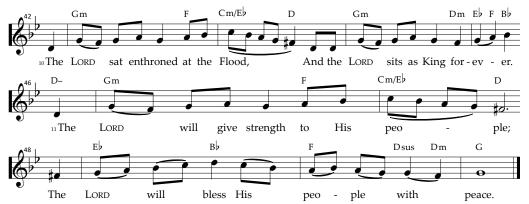
The Day of Resurrection



Music: Berthold Tours (1838–1897) Text: John of Damascus, 700's; tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866) ROTTERDAM 7 6. 7 6. 7 6. 7 6.

Psalm 29





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Text: Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1982 @ 1983, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc.

Psalm 12

Psalm by David



- Help, Yahweh, for the godly person | is **NO** more; For the faithful disappear from among the | sons of Adam.
- Emptiness they speak to | one a- nother.
 Flattering lips: With double | heart they speak.
- May Yahweh cut off all | flatter-ing lips,
 The tongue that speaks | GREAT things;
- That say, "With our tongue we | will pre-vail; "We own our lips— | who is + our master?"
- "Because of the op- | pression of the weak,
 "Because of the | groaning of the needy,
 - "I will a- | rise," says Yahweh;
 "I will protect him from the | one who ma-ligns him."
- Yahweh's sayings are | PURE sayings;
 Silver purified in an earthen furnace, refined | sev-en-fold.
- You, | Yahweh, will guard them;
 You will preserve us from this gener- | ation ever-lastingly.
- 8 On every side the wicked | strut a-bout,
 When vileness is exalted among the | sons of Adam.

Praise to Yahweh, the | God of Israel! From everlasting and | unto ever-lasting.

A- | • • men! Yes! | A-men!

Calendar & Announcements

We are a church of the CREC, a communion of churches in the Evangelical and Reformed tradition. We are grateful that you joined us today and would like to get to know you. Join us for our weekly Brunch Fellowship directly after the service. If we can assist or pray for you in any way, or if you desire to join the church, contact Pastor Michael Hansen at mhansen@christkingchurch.com or 864.660.9950, or Elder John Crawford at jcrawford@christkingchurch.com.

Schedule

Matins (7:30am) & LifeSing (8:15am), 2nd Fridays at Grove Road, May 10th.

Date	Brunch Host	Altar Guild
April 21	Rowe	Collins
April 28	Dixon (Luke)	Fowler