



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 22, 2023

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O Quickening Spirit”

Words: Heinrich Held

Music: Joshua Bennetch

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God before the dawn of time.
Fire our hearts with holy ardor,
Blessed comforter sublime.
Let your radiance fill our night—
Turning darkness into light.

Only that which you desire
Be our object, with your hand
Lead our every thought and action,
Let them be at Your command.
All our sinfulness erase—
With the increase of Your grace.

Blessed Spirit still renewing
All who dwell upon the earth,
When the evil one assails us,
Help us prove our heavenly birth;
Arm us with Your mighty sword—
In the legions of the Lord.

Help us keep the faith forever,
Let not Satan, death, or shame
Draw us from you or deprive us
Of the honor of Your name.
When the foe would lure us hence—
Be, O God, our sure defense.

CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 84

Leader: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Leader: *Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

People: A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: *For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good
thing does he withhold from those who walk
uprightly.*

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who
trusts in you!

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

*by Catherine Winkworth, David A. DeSilva,
Johannes Olearius*

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger
he no more will see or heed.

She hath suffered many a day
now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.

O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token,
that his word is never broken.

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive

What a foretaste of deliverance
Shining from the glorious Son
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:8-16

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord our Lord, we thank you for your throne of grace, where free mercy reigns; we praise you because the blood of Jesus has opened for us the path to the holy places of heaven, where we find you ready to hear, eager to be gracious, inviting us to pour out our needs, promising to give more than we can ask or imagine.

But while we bless you, we confess our apathy: we remember our mindless worship, our bored ingratitude, our cold, dull praise. Wash all our past Sundays with the cleansing blood of Jesus, and may this day bring real change in us.

Flood our minds with peace beyond understanding; may our meditations be sweet; may our worship be vibrant and joyful; may our food be the precious Word; and may our hearts be more closely tied to Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

People: The maker of heaven and earth!

Minister: *O Lord, open our lips,*

People: And our mouths will declare Your
praise!

“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”

*by John Wilbur Chapman, Matthew S. Smith,
and Rowland Hugh Prichard*

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners,

Jesus, Lover of my soul.

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a strength in weakness,

Let me hide myself in Him.

Tempted, tried, and often failing,

He, my strength, my victory wins.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a help in sorrow,
While the billows o'er me roll.
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

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Jesus, I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

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GREETING

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

People: And also with you!

Leader: *Let us share His peace with one another.*

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 122

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

“We Will Feast In The House Of Zion”

by Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how long

Oh God of Jacob be my strength

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom

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CELEBRATING COMMUNION

CONFESSION OF FAITH - “The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And 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 buried;
he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits 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.

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

People: And also with you!

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Greg 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,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.

All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

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THE SENDING - From Romans 15

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people!” “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope!

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