



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

SEASON OF EPIPHANY – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

by Carl Gotthelf Glaser and Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind, behold your Savior come
And leap, ye lame, for joy

Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above
The church in earth and heaven

CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 24

Leader: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come.*

People: Who is this king of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Leader: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come.*

People: Who is this king of glory?

All: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“For All The Saints”

by William Walsham How

For all the saints
Who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus
Be forever blest
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their Rock
Their Fortress and their Might
Thou Lord, their Captain
In the well fought fight
Thou in the darkness
Drear, their one true Light
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers
Faithful, true and bold
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old
And win with them
The victor's crown of gold
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo, there breaks
A yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array
The King of Glory
Passes on His way
Alleluia, Alleluia

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Hebrews 2:16-18

Hear this good news:

For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore, Jesus had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

“Living Waters”

by Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

Are you thirsty

Are you empty

Come and drink these living waters

Tired and broken

Peace unspoken

Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

CHILDREN'S SERMON

New City Catechism

Question 1: What is our only hope in life and death?

Answer: That we are not our own but belong to God.

“The Night Song”

*by Colin Buchanan, Jonathan Robinson,
and Rich Thompson*

In the darkness God will keep me
He will stay and never sleep
In the darkness God is brighter
Though the night is long and deep

All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven by my side
Thank You Father for Your goodness
You will hold me through the night

In the shadows You are with me
And You know my ev'ry fear
In the shadows none can harm me
For the mighty King is here

All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven by my side
Thank You Father for Your goodness
You will hold me through the night

So I find my rest in Jesus
He who came to rescue me
Jesus saved me from the darkness
I will rise to life with Him

All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven by my side
Thank You Father for Your goodness
You will hold me through the night

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

1 Thessalonians 2:17 - 3:5

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

People: Thanks be to God!

“Eternal Weight of Glory”

Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suffering seem so long;
And the toilsome wait and wondering
Threaten silence to our song.

Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus;
And we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory!

Oh inheritance divine!

We will see our Lord redeeming

Every past and future time.

All our pains will be transfigured,
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
And our broken years restored.

For behold! I tell a mystery:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake.
“Death is swallowed up in victory!”
When we meet our King of Grace.

Every year we thought was wasted.
Every night we cried “How long?”
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior’s victory song.

We will see our wounded Savior.
We'll behold him face to face;
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as victory songs of grace.

For behold! I tell a mystery:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake.
“Death is swallowed up in victory!”
When we meet our King of Grace.

Every year we thought was wasted.
Every night we cried “How long?”
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior’s victory song.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

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.

“Nearer, My God, To Thee”

by Sarah Fuller Flower Adams

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee
Even though it be a cross
That raiseth me

Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer to thee!

Though like a wanderer,
The sun gone down
Darkness be over me,
Furrows on my brow

Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer to thee

There let the way appear,
Steps unto heaven
All that Thou sendest me,
Mercy given

Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer to thee

Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with thy praise
Out of my stony griefs
Worship I'll raise

So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer, my God, to thee
Nearer to thee

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Announcements

Benediction - from 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Amen.

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. (4x)



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