



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

SEASON OF EPIPHANY – FEBRUARY 23, 2025

“This Is My Father’s World”

*by Aaron Purdy, Franklin Lawrence Sheppard,
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This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres

This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet

This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King let the heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad

CALL TO WORSHIP - From Psalm 37

Leader: *Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon
fade like the grass and wither like the green*

People: Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*

People: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“What a Beautiful Name”

by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is

What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is

Nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

You sought me when I was a stranger
I was lost but now I'm found
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this

What a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

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Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God, You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is

What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is

Nothing can stand against

What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

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“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

by Samuel Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

I am bound, I am bound

I am bound for the promised land

I am bound, I am bound

I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

I am bound, I am bound

I am bound for the promised land

I am bound, I am bound

I am bound for the promised land

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blest
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest

I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:3-11

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord of resurrection and life:

We confess that our hope is often dim, our hearts weighed down by the grief of this world. We have trusted in what is seen, rather than resting in Your sure promise of His return. Forgive us for doubting the power of Your word, for clinging to the perishing rather than the imperishable.

Renew in us the certainty of our union with Christ, so that we might encourage one another with the hope of His coming. Lift our eyes from the dust of this earth to the glory Christ. By Your mercy, fix our hearts on the day when we shall meet Him in the air and be with Him forever.

Until then, strengthen our faith and deepen our longing, that we may live as pilgrims, steadfast and unshaken.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our risen and returning Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - From Psalm 40

Hear this good news:

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

“King of Kings”

*by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram,
and Scott Ligertwood*

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

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

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

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

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

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom, I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
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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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

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

People: Thanks be to God!

“I Will Arise and Go To Jesus”

by Joseph Hart

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus, ready, stands to save you
Full of pity love and power

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are ten thousand charms

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.

“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

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 feast and weep no more

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Announcements

Benediction - Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. 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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