



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

SEASON OF EPIPHANY – MARCH 2, 2025

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

by John Hughes, Peter Williams, and William Williams

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 150

Leader: *Praise the LORD!*

People: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him
in his mighty heavens!

Leader: *Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

People: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: *Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let
everything that has breath praise the LORD!*

People: Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“Give Me Jesus”

by Fernando Ortega

In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,

Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world,

But give me Jesus.

And when I am alone
Oh and when I am alone
And when I am alone
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus,

Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world,

But give me Jesus.

And when I come to die
Oh and when I come to die
And when I come to die
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:29-35

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord of peace and sanctification, You have called us to honor those who labor among us, yet we have been slow to show respect, quick to judge, and eager to speak rather than listen. You have commanded us to live in peace, yet we have harbored bitterness, stirred division, and failed to pursue reconciliation.

You have urged us to admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, and help the weak, yet we have been indifferent to the needs of others, seeking our own comfort above their good.

You have called us to patience, yet we have been short-tempered;

To kindness, yet we have repaid wrongs with resentment;

To joy, yet we have murmured in discontent;

To prayer, yet we have been distracted and self-reliant;

To thanksgiving, yet we have taken Your mercies
for granted.

Forgive us, O God, for quenching Your Spirit, for
despising Your truth, and for neglecting Your will.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Psalm 103:11-12

Hear this good news:

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who
fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so
far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

*by Charles Crozat Converse
and Joseph Medlicott Scriven*

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer

O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

Blessed Savior Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear
May we ever Lord be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer

Soon in glory bright unclouded
There will be no need for prayer
Rapture praise and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there

CHILDREN'S SERMON

New City Catechism

Question 2: What is God?

Answer: God is the Creator of everyone and everything.

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Words: Walter C. Smith

Tune: "St. Denio"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting , nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, To both great and small
In all life Thou livest, The true life of all
We blossom and flourish, As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth Thee

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 5:12-22

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

People: Thanks be to God!

“See How Good It Is (Psalm 133)”

by Sandra McCracken and Wendell Kimbrough

See how good it is
Gathering with friends
Welcoming the stranger in
See how good it is

When God's children live as one
By the Spirit we become
The open arms of God
To a world in need of love

Sad divisions cease
We're ordained as priests
Spreading out God's joyful feast
See how good it is

When God's children live as one
By the Spirit we become
The open arms of God
To a world in need of love

See the earth renewed
By the morning dew
All creation sings the truth
See how good it is

When God's children live as one
By the Spirit we become
The open arms of God
To a world in need of love

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.

“Before the Throne of God Above”

by Charitie Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.

One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes

This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Announcements

Benediction - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances; for this
is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

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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