



CHRIST
CHURCH

January 25, 2026

Prelude *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

arr. Dan Chadburn

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

Call to Worship Psalm 29:1-2

Elder Shinji Yasugi

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

* *Rejoice the Lord Is King* Trinity Hymnal 310

* **Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Psalm 41:4

As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

8:30 service On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

* *Jesus Is Our King*

text-Sherrell Prebble and Howard Page-Clark

music-Sherrell Prebble

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen - ing our



hearts to him, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is our King!



1. Cre - ate in us, _____ O God, a
2. We bear the name _____ of Christ. 7
3. Let kin - dred voic - es join, 7
4. Pour out your Spir - it on us, em -



hum - ble heart that sets us free to pro - claim the won - drous
Jus - ti - fied, we meet with him. His _____ words and pres - ence
hon - or - ing the Lamb of God, who _____ teach - es us by
pow'r - ing us to live as one, to _____ car - ry your re -



maj - es - ty of our Fa - ther in heav - en.
calm our fear, re - veal - ing God, our Fa - ther, here.
bread and wine the mys - t'ry of his bod - y.
deem - ing love to a world en - slaved by sin. _____

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 1:12-26

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the

field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."

²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen

²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Navigating Life As a Community

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Main Idea: All of Jesus' disciples must learn to navigate the space between the ascension of Christ and his coming again.

Coming Together

Dealing with Betrayal

Leaning on the Ascended Christ

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *He Will Hold Me Fast*

text, Ada Habershon & Matt Merker
music, Matt Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me



fast; when the tempt - er would pre - vail,
fast; pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,
fast; just - ice has been sat - is - fied;



He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less



hold Through life's fear - ful path; for my love is
lost; His prom - is - es shall last; bought by Him at
life, He will hold me fast 'til our faith is



oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. _____
such a cost, He will hold me fast. _____
turned to sight, when He comes at last! _____

sing in parts

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Prayers of the people

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Offertory *Worthy, You Are Worthy / Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Susan Naylor Callaway

* **Doxology**

Trinity Hymnal 731

* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

* Amen, God Will Send

by Bruce Benedict, 2024

Amen, God will
send his Spi - rit in - to the
world to heal and mend it.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The first staff begins with a quarter rest followed by a dotted quarter note, then a half note with a slur over it, and another dotted quarter note. The second staff continues with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a dotted quarter note, and a half note. The third staff consists of six dotted quarter notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

* Postlude

Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.