





Welcome to worship at Christ Church!

Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.

We are glad that you have joined us.

Young children are an important part of our community as well. We are very happy to be part of this very significant stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service, or you may choose to use one of our nurseries for children ages 3 years and younger. Christ Kids Worship during the sermon is available most Sundays for 4 and 5 year olds at the 8:30 service. Activity bags for children are available at the bulletin table in the foyer at both services this Sunday. If you would like a quiet space to feed or rock your baby during the worship service, you are welcome to use Room 106 or the Children's Ministry office, Room 102.

Assistive hearing devices are available in the sound booth, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are experiencing sensory sensitivity, an usher can direct you to a quiet space.

Prelude

Welcome

Silent meditation

The healings were not simply a matter of providing urgent medical care for people who needed it, though that was of course enfolded within the larger purpose. It was a matter of God's power going out and doing new things; a work of new creation, in deep continuity with the original creation, and indeed mending bodies and lives within that original creation, but demonstrating by its power and character that something new was afoot, something in the light of which believing in Jesus' resurrection didn't seem such a strange thing after all.

The present challenge was all about the power of the Sadducees and the chief priests. They had this power because they were the guardians of the central shrine, the holiest spot of earth. They could not simply allow the apostles to carry on the way they were doing. God's honor would be compromised: Israel would be led astray; disaster might strike. These people had to be stopped. And so the authorities did their best. They had efficient police and secure jails. But one of the things we find in Acts is that there are no locked doors in the kingdom of God. -NT Wright

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP



Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9

Pastor Michael Anderson

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



*** All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

Trinity Hymnal 235

*Kids and all are invited to process around the sanctuary during the opening hymn.
Join the procession as it passes by!*

*** Invocation**

Reading for Palm Sunday

Myra Stawicki and Alden Stawicki, readers (8:30 am)
Alex Hopson and Sofia Hopson, readers (11:15 am)

...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.
Hebrews 12:1b-2a

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

John 12:12-19

Joy on that Day

children's choir

by Ruth Elaine Schram

There was joy on that day.
There was joy in the presence of Jesus.
There was joy on that day,
As the children waved the palms.
As they welcomed the King,
Sang their praise to the Son of David,
There was joy on that day,
As the children waved the palms.

"Hosanna, loud hosanna," the little children sang.
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL



Call to confession

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”



Prayer of confession *followed by a time of silent confession*

John 3:16

youth ensemble

by Michael R. Nichols

God loved us, sent his son to give hope to everyone.
On the hill, Calvary, he was nailed so we'd be free.
From the grave he arose, pushing death's door firmly closed.

John three sixteen, it's what the world should know.
Go and share, show you care. Spread the Good News everywhere!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

God loved us, sent his son to give hope to everyone.



Declaration of Forgiveness

I John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

*Today is a 5th Sunday, which means it's a Family Sunday for our Christ Kids Worship children!
They will stay with their families through the entire service and are welcome to use church bags,
which are available in the foyer.*



My Savior My God (I Am Not Skilled to Understand)

Verse 1: Youth Ensemble

* Verse 2 and following: Congregation

Aaron Shust



1. I am not skilled to un - der stand
 2. I take Him at His word and deed.
 3. Yes, liv - ing, dy - ing, let me bring



what God has willed, what God has planned.
 Christ died to save me, this I read.
 my strength, my sol - ace from this spring



I on - ly know at His right hand stands One who is my
 And in my heart I find a need of Him to be my
 that He who lives to be my King once died to be my

Chorus



Sav - ior. to Verse 2 That He would leave His place on high
 Sav - ior. to Chorus
 Sav - ior. to Chorus



and come for sin - ful man to die,



you count it strange; so once did I

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 5:12-42

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵ And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer



Sermon

Welcoming the King

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

The Healing of the King

The Hurt of the King

The Hope of the King

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD



* *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*

Trinity Hymnal 161



Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us;

People **therefore let us keep the feast.**

*The bread served is gluten free, and the grape juice served is pasteurized.
Rows will be dismissed to walk forward.*

During communion

King of Kings, The King of Glory piano



Prayer of Thanksgiving

spoken together

Loving God, we thank you for this sacrament, for uniting us with Christ, and for giving us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church



Prayers of the People

Deacon Greg Stawicki (8:30 am)
Deacon Rob La Placa (11:15 am)

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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* Benediction

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



* Amen! for Lent & Easter

traditional spiritual

ALL 

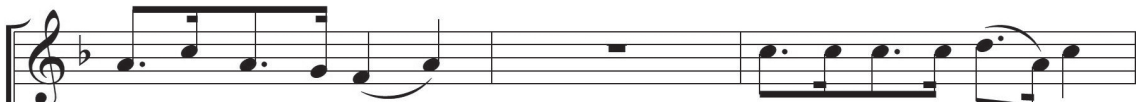
A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a -




1. See him at the sea - shore
 2. See him in the gar - den
 3. Then they cru - ci - fied him



men! A



preach-ing to the peo - ple heal - ing and for-giv - ing!
 pray - ing to the Fa - ther in ry, deep-est sor - row!
 Je - sus, our Sav - ior, but he rose on Eas - ter!



men, a - men.

ALL

A - men, a - men, a - men!

* 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.

Cover art
Saul Maupin

Worship musicians
Children's Choir
Lena Bading, director
Emma van der Veen, leader
Claudia Chang, piano

Youth Ensemble
Susan Guerra & Rebecca Klamer,
directors

Lulu Churchwell, orff
Tessa Faber, flute, orff
Lucy Harley, bass xylophone
Katrielle Hutchison, orff, cabasa

Quinn Klamer, glockenspiel, bass
Jonas Lahmann, ukulele
Leo La Fleur, autoharp, reader
Hope Lorenz, orff
Nathan Oliver, djembe
Josie Ratajeski, ukulele, cello
Timothy Ratajeski, ukulele
Myra Stawicki, ukulele
Danielle Vanderput, orff
Isaiah Vanderput, orff
Jaci Yasugi, marimba, violin
Lincoln Yasugi, ukulele, djembe

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

The rising sun will come to us from heaven. Luke 1:78

1. O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, re - demp - tion's on - ly spring!
 2. How vast the mer - cy and the love which laid our sins on thee,
 3. But now the bands of death are burst, the ran - som has been paid;
 4. O Christ, be thou our last - ing joy, our ev - er - great re - ward!

Cre - a - tor of the world art thou, its Sav - ior and its King.
 and led thee to a cru - el death, to set thy peo - ple free.
 and thou art on thy Fa - ther's throne, in glo - rious robes ar - rayed.
 Our on - ly glo - ry may it be to glo - ry in the Lord.