



“Psalm 131 - One of the shortest psalms to read but one of the longest to learn.”

— Charles Spurgeon

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WORSHIP GUIDE
Christ the King Presbyterian Church

a people changed | a community renewed | a city transformed

BY CHRIST



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Welcome to Christ the King Presbyterian Church. Visiting a church can be an intimidating experience. We are glad that you are here and we hope to remove as much of that awkwardness as we can from your visit to CTK.

Our worship service usually lasts about 90 minutes. This worship guide will help you navigate the service. Unless otherwise noted, we stand for the songs and sit at other times.

What you do with your kids is up to you. Childcare is provided for during the service for children up to three. Children ages three through nine are given the option of attending a children's teaching time mid-way through the service (dismissal is before the sermon).

What you can get out of this service. Our service is designed to be accessible to you, whether you've spent your life in the church or you've never been to a church service in your life. During the service, we will try to help you understand how the ancient story of Jesus can have application to and meaning in your life today.

The next step is up to you. You won't be asked to stand up. You won't be forced to give us your contact information. You won't be required to wear a name tag.

That said, if something during the service grabbed you, here are the three things we suggest:

Come Back. Our sermon series usually last four to six weeks. Commit to a series. See if you can find the ways we use a series to hit on one central theme through the songs we sing, prayers we pray, and sermons we listen to.

Ask Questions. Some of our leaders will be around the information table in the back after the service. If you have questions about anything that was said or did, find someone back there after the service. We'll do our best to answer your questions.

Get Involved. There are multiple ways to get involved at CTK. No matter your level of commitment, you are welcome to explore any of them.

Join CTK on The City — The City is CTK's online network. It's the place we post information about the church, ways to serve, and resources to help you in your spiritual journey.

Join a Community Group — Community Groups at CTK are small groups of people that gather together a couple of times a month to talk about life, the Bible, and the places those two things intersect. Community Groups also provide ways to care for those in need within our church and our city.

Join the Next Gospel Class — The four-week gospel class offers an introduction to CTK and the things CTK believes and does. It is required for membership at CTK. Going through the class does not require you to join the church. The class is taught by CTK's leaders and is offered once a quarter.

For more information on these next steps, leave your email address at the information table or email Kelley Ann Frye at office@ctkraleigh.org.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 107:1, 8-9

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

Leader: For he satisfies the longing soul,

People: And the hungry soul he fills with good things.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts!
Thou Fount of life! Thou Light of men
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee, thou art good,
To them that find thee, all in all.

Chorus

Jesus, Lamb of God, all my righteousness.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where're our changeful lot is cast;
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest, when by faith, we hold thee fast.

Chorus

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright.
Chase the dark night of sin away
Shed over the world thy holy light. (3x)

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from you,
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

Oh how I need you Lord, you are my only hope,
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for you, to come and rescue me,
Come and give me life.

(repeat)

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.

Chorus

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treas'ry, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Weak is the effort of my heart
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

Chorus

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

based on Psalm 103:8-14; 2 Corinthians 1:3

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

People: **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: **As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

All: **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.**

{children can now leave for Children's Teaching Time}

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Psalm 131

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- ¹O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
- ²But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- ³O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.

SERMON

Songs for the Sojourn:

A Peace that Endureth

Rev. Elliot Grudem
Senior Minister

PRAYER OF FAITH

SONG OF RESPONSE

It is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well; it is well with my soul.”

Chorus

It is well, (echo)
With my soul; (echo)
It is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin — O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” — it is well with my soul.

Chorus

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper, which is often called Communion or the Eucharist, is celebrated every Sunday at CTK. The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. Christ the King Presbyterian Church welcomes all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament. If you have forsaken your sin and trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation, are a baptized member of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ, we invite you to partake in the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a Christian or are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer, using one of the prayers listed below. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.

The Invitation and Promises of God

Hear the words of the institution in the Last Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ from 1 Corinthians 11:

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Communion

We will pass the elements and remain seated for communion. Please wait until everyone has been served the bread and cup and we will partake together.

Minister: The body of Christ, given for you.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Minister: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

O Israel, Put Your Hope Upon the Lord (Psalm 131)

Men Is there ambition in my heart?

Women Search, gracious God, and see;

Men: Or do I act a haughty part?

Women Lord, I appeal to thee.

Refrain

O Israel, put your hope upon the Lord

From this time forth, forevermore

Men I charge my thoughts, be humble still,

Women And all my carriage mild,

Men Content, my Father, with thy will,

Women And quiet as a child.

Refrain

Men The patient soul, the lowly mind,

Women Shall have a large reward:

Men Let saints in sorrow lie resigned,

Women And trust a faithful Lord.

Refrain

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

David Spickard

SONG OF PROCLAMATION

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor; all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation; all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow; all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying,
All must be well.

BENEDICTION

From 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
Who loved us and gave us eternal comfort
and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them
in every good work and word.