



“Endurance is not a desperate hanging on but a traveling from strength to strength. There is nothing fatigued or humdrum in Isaiah, nothing flatfooted in Jesus, nothing jejune in Paul. Perseverance is triumphant and alive.”

— Eugene Peterson  
*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

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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](mailto:office@ctkraleigh.org).*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*based on Revelation 15:3-4*

Leader: “Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!

**People: Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!**

Leader: Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify your name?

**People: For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”**

## SONGS OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

### **Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a 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 heav'n 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.

### **Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat**

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before his feet,  
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea,  
With this I venture nigh;  
Thou callest burdened souls to thee,  
And such, O Lord, am I.

#### *Refrain*

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,  
O wondrous love! For such as I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely pressed,  
By wars without, and fears within,  
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place,  
That, sheltered near thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face,  
And tell him, Thou hast died.

#### *Refrain*

“Poor tempest tossed soul, be still;  
My promised grace receive;”  
‘Tis Jesus speaks—I must, I will,  
I can, I do believe.

#### *Refrain*

#### *Refrain 2*

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,  
To bear the cross and shame,  
That guilty sinners, such as I,  
Might plead thy gracious name!

**Thou God of Love** (Psalm 120)

Thou God of love, thou ever-blest,  
Pity my suffering state  
When wilt thou set my soul at rest  
From lips that love deceit?

*Chorus*

Men: To long my soul  
Women: Has made its home  
Men: With those who peace abhor  
Women: I am for peace  
Men: But when I speak  
All: They make for war.

Alas for me, that I sojourn  
So long in Meshech's land;  
That I have made my dwelling where  
The tents of Kedar stand.

*Chorus*

I cried in trouble to the Lord,  
And he has answered me.  
From lying lips and crafty tongue,  
O Lord, my soul set free.

*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 34:4-8*

**Leader:** I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.  
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.  
The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**People:** **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

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

## SERMON SCRIPTURE

### **Psalm 129**

*A Song of Ascents*

<sup>1</sup> “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth” —  
let Israel now say—

<sup>2</sup> “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,  
yet they have not prevailed against me.

<sup>3</sup> The plowers plowed upon my back;  
they made long their furrows.”

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is righteous;  
he has cut the cords of the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> May all who hate Zion  
be put to shame and turned backward!

<sup>6</sup> Let them be like the grass on the housetops,  
which withers before it grows up,

<sup>7</sup> with which the reaper does not fill his hand  
nor the binder of sheaves his arms,

<sup>8</sup> nor do those who pass by say,  
“The blessing of the LORD be upon you!  
We bless you in the name of the LORD!”

## SERMON

### **Songs for the Sojourn:**

Past Deliverance, Future Hope

Rev. Elliot Grudem

Senior Minister

## PRAYER OF FAITH

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son,  
To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away;  
As wounds which mar the chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## **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**

### **Had Not the Lord** (Psalm 124)

Had not the Lord, may Israel say, had not the Lord maintained our side,  
When men to make our lives a prey, rose like the swelling of the tide;

#### *Refrain*

Our help is in Jehovah's name,  
Who formed the earth and built the skies;  
He, who upholds that wondrous frame,  
Guards his own church with watchful eyes.

The swelling tide had stopped our breath: so fiercely did the waters roll,  
We had been swallowed deep in death; proud waters had o'erwhelmed our soul!

#### *Refrain*

We leap for joy, we shout and sing, who just escaped the fatal stroke;  
So flies the bird, with cheerful wing, when once the fowler's snare is broke.

#### *Refrain*

Forever blessed be the Lord, who broke the fowler's cursed snare;  
Who saved us from the murdering sword, and made our lives and souls his care.

## **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 Hill

## SONG OF PROCLAMATION

### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound-  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## **BENEDICTION**

*From Hebrews 13:20-21*

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,  
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.  
Amen.