



“Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence.
It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ;
It is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience.”

— Eugene Peterson,
A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

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WORSHIP GUIDE
Christ the King Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Christ the King Presbyterian Church. We know that visiting a church can be an intimidating experience. Every one has been the new person at a church before. So, we want to take as much of the potential awkwardness out of your experience as we can.

Sit back. Grab a cup of coffee. Make yourself comfortable. Our simple Christian worship service usually lasts about 90 minutes. Our service is designed to be accessible to you, whether you've spent your life in the church or have never been to a church service in your life. Each aspect is explained; participation is up to you.

You'll find this worship guide will help you navigate the various aspects of the service. We stand for the songs. We sit for the sermons and prayers and Scripture readings. Most of the time we stay in our seats for the Lord's Supper. And, if any of that changes, we'll be sure to let everyone know.

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 (before the sermon).

What you can get out of this service. We've designed our Sunday worship service to be a time when followers of Jesus, those who don't know him, and those who are interested in knowing him, gather together and learn more about Jesus and more about themselves. Together, we try to understand how the ancient story of Jesus can have application to and meaning in our present lives.

If you aren't a follower of Jesus or are simply checking out his claims, consider both the change Jesus promises his followers and the life he calls and enables his followers to live. And if you want to talk more about this, please let one of our leaders know.

If you are a follower of Jesus, worship God. See if you can engage with Christ and his gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to use what happens here to make you more and more like Jesus.

If you want to know more... To find out more about CTK, fill out the connection card in this worship guide, check out our information table, stick around after the service and talk to one of the leaders, or look around our website at www.ckraleigh.org.

GATHERING MUSIC (9:50-10:00AM)

Please find your seats at this time.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENT PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 134:1-3,21

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

SONG OF ASCENTS

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord (Psalm 122)

Men: Let us go to the house of the Lord (*women echo*)

Men: Let us go to the house of the Lord (*women echo*)

Leader: For it is good to be with the Body

All: For it is good to be with the Lord

SONGS OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.
Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Lo! th'incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

Refrain

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

Refrain

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground, his body lay:
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth, in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine —
Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

Psalm 5:11-12; 16:11, 126:3

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you

People: **For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
you cover them with favor as with a shield.**

Leader: You make known to us the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

People: **The LORD has done great things for us
and we are glad!**

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end, A - men, A men.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

A Song of Ascents

Leader **¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
and People: we were like those who dream.**

**²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,**

Leader: “The LORD has done great things for them.”

**People: ³The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.**

Leader: **⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!**

**People: ⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!**

Leader: **⁶He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.**

SERMON

Songs for the Sojourn:

‘The Worst Returns to Laughter’

Rev. Elliot Grudem
Senior Minister

PRAYER OF FAITH

SONG OF RESPONSE

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue,
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last;
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here,
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through thy free goodness my spirit's revived;
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart,
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground;
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son,
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine;
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, 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.

With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Corporate Confession of Faith

Based on The Apostles Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended to heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Leader: Great is the mystery of our Faith

People: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Leader: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

People: Dying, you destroyed our death;
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: According to his commandment:

People: We remember his death;
We proclaim his resurrection;
We await his coming in glory.

The Communion

Please wait to partake until everyone has received the bread and cup, so we may all 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

When God Revealed His Gracious Name (Psalm 126)

When God revealed his gracious name, and changed my mournful state,
My rapture seemed a pleasing dream, the grace appeared so great.

Refrain:

The world beheld the glorious change, and did thy hand confess;
My tongue broke out in unknown strains, and sung surprising grace.

“Great is the work,” my neighbors cried, and owned the power divine;
“Great is the work,” my heart replied, “and be the glory thine.”

Refrain:

The Lord can clear the darkest skies, can give us day for night;
Make drops of sacred sorrow rise to rivers of delight.

Let those that sow in sadness wait ‘till the fair harvest come,
They shall confess their sheaves are great, and shout the blessings home.

Refrain:

All who will bear a seed to sow amidst their grief and tears
Will come again with shouts of joy a harvest of the years.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE | COLLECTION OF ALMS

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, who can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supplies thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst to quench?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God:
'Tis his love his people raises, over self to reign as kings,
And as priests his solemn praises each for a thank offering brings.

Savior, if of Zion's city, I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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