



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22, 2020

REFLECTIONS

“Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ’s reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to his rule...[It] serves as a transitional Sunday leading directly into Advent...The day fits well with the eschatological emphasis and anticipation of Christ’s second coming highlighted during Advent. It also helps worshipers, who are already thinking about Christmas, to remember that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger—it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the ‘Prince of Peace.’”

WORSHIP SOURCEBOOK

“The way of Jesus cannot be imposed or mapped—it requires an active participation in following Jesus as he leads us through sometimes strange and unfamiliar territory, in circumstances that become clear only in the hesitations and questionings, in the pauses and reflections where we engage in prayerful conversation with one another and with him.”

EUGENE PETERSON | *THE WAY OF JESUS*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader	Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Together	Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
Leader	Know that the Lord, he is God!
Together	It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Leader	Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
Together	For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. — from Ps. 100

SONG OF PRAISE

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG (PSALM 96) / BERNARD CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing to the Lord, all the earth (2x)
For great is the Lord
Most worthy of praise (2x)
Let the whole earth sing
To the Name above all names

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Together We praise you great God for you are ruler of the universe and have sent your Son to be King of kings. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world and governs the nations in justice and righteousness. We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor and might at your side. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty and establish Christ’s rule in every land and in every heart. Accept our homage as we offer our lives in the service of Christ’s kingdom of love. He is Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

PRAISE TO THE LORD ALMIGHTY / J. NEANDER & C. WINKWORTH

1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord,
who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth;
shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen,
how all thy longings have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness
and mercy here daily attend thee!
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with His love He befriend thee!

4. Praise to the Lord!
O, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly for aye we adore Him!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME / *B. FIELDING & B. LICERTWOOD*

1. You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

CHORUS 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

2. You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

CHORUS 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

BRIDGE

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all Names

CHORUS 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by your justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
By your Spirit and grace, bind our hearts to our true King,
compel us to forsake all our loyalties to false gods and idols,
and raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all in all we do and say.
By faith, we chose this day to serve our King. **Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE & ASSURANCE

BE THOU MY VISION / *TRANS. MARY E. BYRNE*

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

All

Thanks be to God!

Leader

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

And also with you.

— from Rev. 5:5, 9-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Continue passing the peace to one another during announcements.

** Check our website for the latest updates and ways to invest in the life of our church and city.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

If you're accustomed to giving during worship on Sunday mornings, please consider giving online and setting up a recurring or one-time gift through the Subsplash platform. (Subsplash has one of the lowest transaction fees and reduces our fees the more people give online.) To give online, visit <https://gracepasadena.org/give>. Questions? Email info@gracepasadena.org.

THE 1ST LESSON — JOHN 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [ESV]

THE 2ND LESSON — COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

¹⁵ He [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. [ESV]

THE SERMON — MARC CHOI

Sermon Title: "Image and Loyalties"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In response to the Good News of Jesus Christ, let us pray for ourselves and the world. Take a few moments to name your hopes, desires, fears and anxieties. [A pastoral prayer follows, and all end with the Lord's Prayer.]

Together **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A COMMUNION PRAYER

Together Lead us, O God, to conform this world to your Son's kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Help us to live as you require: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, when we shall feast with you and all your saints in the joy of the new heaven and earth. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONGS

IN CHRIST ALONE / *STUART TOWNEND & KEITH GETTY*

1. 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

2. 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.

3. 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

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From a 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 stand

GRACE TO YOU & PEACE / *MUSIC: FERNANDO ORTEGA*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
Grace to you and peace from God our Father

And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

Having been nourished and strengthened by our King of love, let us choose this day to serve him with joy and gladness. And let us remember his words: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid." Go into the world full of his peace, and may you proclaim it in all you do and say.

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2020-2021

Advent begins next week! To help you enter into the Advent season and prepare for the Christmas, we offer several resources, including Grace Pasadena's Advent and Christmas Prayer Guide. The guide contains daily scripture readings, prayers and meditation questions, as well as weekly devotionals for little ones. Download a copy of the guide from our website or reach out to us and request a hard copy.

GIVING & BUDGET

	<u>JAN-OCT</u>	<u>OCT 2020</u>	<u>NOV¹</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$360,652	\$27,360	\$27,790
BUDGETED GIVING _____	\$360,00	\$36,000	\$36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+652	-8,371	-8,210

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