



Christ the King
Presbyterian Church

walking the ancient paths together

He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
- Hebrews 9:12

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.
- 1 Peter 1:18-19

April 2, 2023
Morning Worship Service

Christ The King Presbyterian Church is a Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in America

Morning Worship Service (10:30 am)

Welcome and Announcements

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we warmly welcome you to this worship service of Christ the King Presbyterian Church. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card located in the back of the sanctuary.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:22-29

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ **Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

*Praise to Our Triune God

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 235

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Confession of Sin

Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned in many ways against you and your commandments. We have put our trust more in men than in you, our God and Creator. We have made idols in our hearts, and bowed down to serve them. We have neglected your worship on the Lord's Day, and we have complained about the work that you have given us for the other six days. We have been angry with our neighbors whom we are to love. Our thoughts and words are often impure. We are self-indulgent rather than self-disciplined. We have distorted and denied the truth. We have coveted the good gifts you have given to others. O Lord God, have mercy on us! Forgive our inclination toward evil, and all our sins, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son. Keep us in your ways by the power of your Holy Spirit, and help us to live according to your will. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

Promise of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

New Testament Reading

Luke 19:28-44

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²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those

who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn # 172**

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer for the Church and the World

The Collection

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 21

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Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year. And David sought the face of the Lord. And the Lord said, "There is bloodguilt on Saul and on his house, because he put the Gibeonites to death." ² So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites. Although the people of Israel had sworn to spare them, Saul had sought to strike them down in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah. ³ And David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And how shall I make atonement, that you may bless the heritage of the Lord?" ⁴ The Gibeonites said to him, "It is not a matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his house; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." And he said, "What do you say that I shall do for you?" ⁵ They said to the king, "The man who consumed us and planned to destroy us, so that we should have no place in all the territory of Israel, ⁶ let seven of his sons be given to us, so that we may hang them before the Lord at Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the Lord." And the king said, "I will give them."

⁷ But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Saul's son Jonathan, because of the oath of the Lord that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. ⁸ The king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite; ⁹ and he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the mountain before the Lord, and the seven of them perished together. They were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the beginning of barley harvest.

¹⁰ Then Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until rain fell upon them from the heavens. And she did not allow the birds of the air to come upon them by day, or the beasts of the field by night. ¹¹ When David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done, ¹² David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the public square of Beth-shan,

where the Philistines had hanged them, on the day the Philistines killed Saul on Gilboa. ¹³ And he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan; and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged. ¹⁴ And they buried the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father. And they did all that the king commanded. And after that God responded to the plea for the land.

¹⁵ There was war again between the Philistines and Israel, and David went down together with his servants, and they fought against the Philistines. And David grew weary. ¹⁶ And Ishbi-benob, one of the descendants of the giants, whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of bronze, and who was armed with a new sword, thought to kill David. ¹⁷ But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to his aid and attacked the Philistine and killed him. Then David's men swore to him, "You shall no longer go out with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."

¹⁸ After this there was again war with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was one of the descendants of the giants. ¹⁹ And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite, struck down Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. ²⁰ And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was descended from the giants. ²¹ And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, struck him down. ²² These four were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Eric Huber

Costly Atonement

****Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

***Hymn # 520** *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*
(There will be a Deacon's offering taken
Please remain seated and then stand for the final verse.)

***Benediction**

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.

***Postlude**

May I Participate in the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a visible picture of God's mercy to us. The bread and wine represent the body and blood of Jesus, who willingly offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins. The Supper is a way in which we have fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, and with his people.

We invite to the Lord's Table all those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and are members of an evangelical church. Those who are unable to drink wine for reasons of age, health, or conscience may drink the grape juice in the cups at the center of each tray.

Prayers for those who will not be taking communion:

A Prayer of Repentance and Faith:

Dear God, I know that I don't deserve to be accepted by you. I am sorry that I have been rebelling against you and ignoring you. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to die for my sins that I may be forgiven. Thank you for raising him from the dead to give me new life. Please forgive me and change me. From this day forward, help me to live with Jesus as my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Persistent Sin:

Dear God, help me to see in you the satisfaction of all that I truly need. Help me to put aside the sin that has taken hold of my life. Help me to return to you, and to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Help me to take the necessary steps to be one with your people again, and to live in the fullness of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth:

Dear God, you claim that your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. 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 yourself that leads to the life that you promise, and help me to accept that life through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Assisting in worship this morning: Mr. Holt West

Join us for a potluck lunch after worship service this morning!

Easter Weekend Schedule:

Friday, April 7th at 6:00 pm – Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9th at 10:30 am – Morning Worship Service

-There will be no Sunday School or Evening Service

The Conshohocken Arts Festival and Car Show will be held June 3 from 11-4. For the past several years CTK has participated with an Open House and Art Show. This year we are looking for artists, photographers, crafters, and hosts. Don't be shy- we need you! If you'd like to exhibit or be otherwise involved, please contact Dana McGahey.

Home Fellowship Groups: Fellowship groups meet in homes throughout the area. These groups provide a great way to connect with neighbors and friends, to grow in our common faith, and to pray for and disciple one another. We have five home fellowship groups that meet at homes in the surrounding neighborhoods:

Helfand's Home - Bridgeport

Mahurin's Home - East Norriton

Kirkland's Home - East Norriton

Newman's Home - Wayne

Erickson's Home - King of Prussia / Valley Forge

Edwards's Home - Glenside

On **Wednesday April 5 AlphaCare Crisis Pregnancy Center will join our regular Wednesday evening time of fellowship and prayer.** The deacons are exploring ways that our church body can partner with and support this valuable ministry. AlphaCare will provide an informational presentation on their work, discuss ideas on how we might support them, and join us in praying for their ministry. AlphaCare empowers pregnant women by providing health and social services while serving as a bridge to community resources.

This Week: Christ the King Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 2nd

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

-Lord's Supper

12:00 pm – Potluck Lunch

6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Rev. Rick Tyson preaching

Wednesday, April 5th

5:30 pm – Fellowship Dinner

6:30 pm – Congregational Prayer

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