



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

May 22, 2022

WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting for the first time or you've been here for years, we encourage you to look through the bulletin as you prepare for worship. Often, there will be some theme or main idea sprinkled throughout. Some elements of the service may be familiar to you, while other aspects might feel new. Either way, it will help to keep the basic pattern of worship in mind: praise, renewal, proclamation, and response. We encourage you to take a bulletin home for further reading and prayer. Finally, if you don't have a Bible, feel free to take one from the pew as our gift to you.

IN PREPARATION

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. While many Psalms speak of the Lord's victory, Psalm 47, our call to worship, and Psalm 68, our Old Testament reading, more pointedly speak of the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alongside these Psalms, there are a handful of songs and hymns which we will sing this morning and this evening that joyously sing of Christ's ascension to the throne. But this day is not just about saying Christ won. It's also about Christ promising his Spirit, giving gifts to men, interceding on our behalf, and assuring us of our own dwelling place with God. Praise be to the Lord! He has ascended on high!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Acts 1:6–9

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Introit

Call to Worship—Psalm 47:1–9

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

ALL: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

ALL: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Leader: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

ALL: For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

The image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The hymn is in a 3/8 time signature and features a simple, rhythmic melody. The lyrics describe the glory of Christ and the angels, and the praise of God. The hymn concludes with a final chorus of 'Al-le-lu-ia'.

A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs through-out the world shall
 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 To whom the an - gels, draw-ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 "A - gain shall you be - hold him so as you to - day have seen him
 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All praise to Thee let earth ac -

ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his fol - low - ers they
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 go, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! in glor - ious pomp as - cend - ing
 cord, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Who art, while end - less a - ges

trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 see Je - sus' re - splend - ent maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 say. "This is his no - ble tri - umph day. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 high, up to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it One, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
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 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: The Venerable Bede, trans. Benjamin Webb, 1854; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, 1623

Congregational Song—All Hail the King of Heaven

All hail the King of Heaven, Christ the Lord of all,
Whom thundering angels circle 'round ablaze with awe;
Let now the Hallelujah, of earth in glad refrain,
Ascend the throne, to him belongs immortal praise.

Refrain: All hail the king of heaven, creation join together,
Let endless praises crown his name
All hail the king of heaven.

All hail the Great Redeemer, who so humbly came
The lamb of our salvation, O for sinners slain
Let now the loud Hosanna resound from shore to shore
You nations say, “His kingdom reigns, forevermore!”

Let praise of nations rise now as a symphony
To sound the endless wonders of his majesty
Let every heart adore him, the great and small the same
Through generations ever let his anthem ring!

Text and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa ©2021 Getty Music

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Psalm 68:1–3, 18

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—John 14:1–7

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sung Response—Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Text and Music: Henry Wellington Greatorex, 1851

Sacrament of Baptism

Covenant Baptism

Jack Philip May
Son of Joel-Philip and Madeline May

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Come to Me

Come to me all you who labor,
Come to me, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, all who are weary and burdened,
And you will find rest for your souls.

Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly.
See how great my love for you, that I have called you my child.

Text and Music: Dan Forrest

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Song—Before the Throne of God Above

Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Children's Bible Time (B-102). Thank you.

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and 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.

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vicki Cook

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—Mark 9:1-9

LIGHT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Liam Goligher

Congregational Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal



Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, we fol - low, not with fears,
hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace.
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.
Through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong;
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us, we jour - ney in its light;
and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

Text: Ernest Shurtleff, 1888; Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry Smart, 1836

Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Liam Goligher; Assisting Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung;
Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash; Pianist: Pamela Mullins;
Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon; Ladies Ensemble

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SERMON NOTES

ASCENSION CONCERT — 6:00 p.m.

Congregational Song— Immanuel

Congregational Hymn—#290 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Toccata in B Minor

Gigout

Pam Eash, Organ

“Why the Ascension?”

Dr. Kevin DeYoung, Senior Pastor

Unfold Ye Portals

from Gounod's Redemption

Choirs and Orchestra

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Brighton

Beginner's Choir

How Can I Keep From Singing

Cullton

Choirs and Orchestra

Come and Sing a Song Unto the Lord

Edwards

Children's Choir

Congregational Hymn—#281 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Clarinet Concerto, 2nd Movement, Adagio

Mozart

Orchestra

Soloist: Emily Lukins

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Medley/Wood, arr. Forrest

Choirs

Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet

Parker/Gilpin

Ladies Ensemble

Congregational Hymn—Today Above the Sky He Soared
Congregational Hymn—Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Keep Your Lamps

Johnson

Youth Choir

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Choirs

Congregational Hymn—#44 How Great Thou Art

Adult Choir and Orchestra: Director, Nathan George
Youth Choir (8th–12th): Director, Barbara Van Patter
Children's Choir (3rd–7th): Director, Melody Paules
Beginner's Choir (K–2nd): Director, Rebekah Hopkins
Assistant Choir Director: Mary Ann Foltz
Assistant Director of Music: Joseph Foucachon

CHRIST COVENANT ORCHESTRA

Organ: Pam Eash
Piano: Pamela Mullins, Matthias George, Ian Stewart
Trumpets: Joseph Foucachon, Tracy Blackmon, Ralph McLeod, Connor Stewart,
Keenan Harmon
Trombone: Larry Blythe
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Euphonium: Scott VanPatter
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Clarinet: Emily Lukins, Jenny Blackmon
Soprano Sax: Tom Van Beek
Guitar: Nathan George, Greg Verret
Percussion: Reggie Phillips, Tom Van Beek, Elliot George, Joel May
1st Violin: Rob Mina, Matthias George
2nd Violin: Anne Byrd, Darcy Byrd, Elsa George
Viola: Anna Margaret George, Elisabeth McDowell
Cello: Elliot George, Bethany Xiques
Bass: Elliot George
Harp: Connor May Kelly, Daniel Reeder, Micah Larson

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In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church
is committed to worshiping God, making disciples, loving one another,
and serving the body of Christ.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you!

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Interested in a small group? Please contact Dave Baxter, Pastor of Congregational Life,
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