



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY

May 21, 2023

## WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

We are glad you are here to worship the living God! This worship folder is intended to guide you through the service, as well as provide you with devotional material to take home.

### IN PREPARATION

Though we are not tied to the church calendar, it can be a helpful tool if it helps us tell the gospel story. Here at Christ Covenant, we enjoy what Calvin called the evangelical feasts (Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost). Today we remember Christ's Ascension, which, in a sense, is a bookend to Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which led to his humiliation. But his ascension is an important part of his exaltation. The Ascension reminds us that he was victorious, he sends his Spirit, and he prays for us. So, just as we began this season, we will close it by singing Crown Him with Many Crowns. For though Christ was humiliated, he has now been exalted as the King of kings and Lord of lords!

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

#### Announcements and Greeting

#### Scripture Meditation—John 14:15–17a; 16:7

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

#### Introit—If Ye Love Me

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever ev'n the Spirit of truth.*

Text: John 14:15–17; Music: Thomas Tallis

#### Call to Worship—Portions of Psalm 99:1–5

Leader: The LORD reigns! The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all. Let all the peoples praise his great  
and awesome name! Holy is he!

**ALL: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Congregational Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

The musical score is written for a congregational hymn in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line, which includes a long melisma on the word 'crown' that spans across the vocal and piano lines. The fourth system contains the fourth line, which also includes a melisma on 'crown'.

All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall—  
Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed from the fall,—  
Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,—  
O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall—

let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the ro - yal di - a - dem,  
ye ran - somed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,  
on this ter - res - trial ball, to him all ma - jes - ty a - scribe,  
we at his feet may fall! We'll join the e - ver - las - ting song,

and crown him, crown him,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown

crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!  
him, and crown him,

Text: st. 1-5, Edward Perronet, 1779, st. 6, John Rippon, 1787; Music: DIADEM, James Ellor, 1838

## Prayer of Adoration

## **Old Testament Scripture Reading—John 17:14–21**

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Grace—Hebrews 10:11–14**

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

## **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.**

## Congregational Psalm—Blessed Are All They (Psalm 1)



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: Bless-ed are all they that shun sin's vain and wick-ed ways. Firm-ly plant-ed on the banks of God's great stream of grace, Bless-ed are all they that shun sin's vain and wick-ed ways. For them has Christ sal-va-tion won; he lov-es them all their they raise un-end-ing praise and thanks to his great glor-ious For them has Christ sal-va-tion won; he loves them all their days. God's ho-ly Word is their de-light; they pros-per in its face. The wick-ed ones, they are not so, but, dri-ven by the days. In Je-sus Christ's own right-eous-ness, though sin-ners fail and truth. In it they dwell both day and night to flour-ish and bear fruit. winds, they fall and per-ish, weighed with woe, when once God's wrath be-gins. fall, his flock he will pre-serve and bless, who on his fa-vor call.

Text: Psalm 1; Music: Nathan Clark George

## Sacrament of Baptism

### Covenant Baptism

Allison Taylor Anderson

Daughter of Paul and Brittany Anderson

Noah Jefferson Brosius

Isaac Henry Brosius

Sons of Joshua and Whitney Brosius

Emmaline Ruth Hudson

Daughter of Caleb and Mary Madeline Hudson

Margaret "Maisie" Joan Johnson

Daughter of Sam and Molly Johnson

### Communicant Baptism

Evangeline Weir

Emory Weir

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory—Jubilate!

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

*Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo, Deo.*

*Jubilate, Jubilate Deo, Make a joyful noise to the Lord all ye lands.*

*Jubilate, Jubilate Deo, Make a joyful noise to the Lord all ye lands.*

*Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with a joyful song.*

*Jubilate, Jubilate Deo,*

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, unto the Lord, all ye lands.*

*Sing to the Lord with the harp and the voice of a psalm.*

*Praise with stringed instruments, with timbrel and with dance.*

*Sing praise with the loud cymbals, with the high sounding cymbals,*

*With trumpet and sound of cornet.*

*Let everything that has breath, let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

*Praise the Lord!*

*Jubilate, Jubilate Deo, Make a joyful noise to the Lord all ye lands.*

*Jubilate, Jubilate Deo, Make a joyful noise to the Lord all ye lands.*

*Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with a joyful song.*

*Jubilate, Jubilate Deo, Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands.*

*Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo!*

Text: from Psalms 98, 100, and 150; Music: Carolee R. Curtright

## Pastoral Prayer

## Congregational Song—He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;  
 For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.  
 pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast,

for my love is of - ten cold; he must hold me fast.  
 bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
 'till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;

for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Text: Ada Habershon, Matt Merker;

Music: Matt Merker ©2013 Getty Music Publishing and Matt Merker/BM

## Prayer of Illumination

## Preaching of the Word—Leviticus 21–22

“FOR I AM THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES THEM”

Kevin DeYoung

## Congregational Hymn—Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 Crown him the Lord of love; the be - hold his hands and side;  
 Crown him the Lord of peace; whose power a scep - ter sways  
 Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time,

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou has died for me:

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868

## Benediction

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung; Assisting Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsetma;  
 Pastor of Worship: Rev. Nathan George; Organist: Pam Eash;  
 Instrumental Director: Joseph Foucachon; Children's Choir

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## SERMON NOTES

## ASCENSION CELEBRATION — 6:00 p.m.

**Tritsch-Tratsch Polka**

*Johann Strauss II*

**Congregational Song—Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)**

**Congregational Song—Immanuel**

**I Can Do All Things**

*Mark Burrows*

K-2 Choir

**“Giving Thanks for the Ascension?”**

Dr. Kevin DeYoung, Senior Pastor

**Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho**

*arr. Craig Curry*

Children’s Choir

**Ave Verum Corpus**

*Mozart arr. Liebergen*

Choirs and Orchestra

**Congregational Hymn—Today Above the Sky He Soared**

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

**Revelation 19**

*Jeffrey La Valley*

Youth Choir

**Be Ye Glad**

*Blanchard arr. H. Ayes*

Youth Choir

**I’ll Fly Away**

*Brumley/ Courtney*

Ladies Ensemble

**Congregational Song—You Reign Forevermore**

**Congregational Hymn—#296 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

**Shall We Gather at the River**

*Lowry arr. David Lantz III*

Choirs  
Soloist: Josh Skipper

**To God Be the Glory**

*Crosby/Doane arr. Joe Johnson*

Men's Ensemble

**Preis und Dank**

*Bach*

Choirs and Orchestra

**Congregational Hymn—When We All Get to Heaven**

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

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is committed to worshipping 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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