



a feast to
enjoy



CHRIST
CHURCH

November 20, 2022

Prelude

Hans deJong

Silent meditation II Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

Call to Worship responsively with selections from Psalm 100

Elder Jerry Gortmaker

Elder The universal Church celebrates the reign of Christ!
Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful,
has been enthroned above all authority and power
in this world and in the world that is to come.

**All Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness
come into his presence with singing.**

Elder God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet,
appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns
as the supreme head of the Church, his body.

**All Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
come into his courts with praise.
Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

* Authority of Christ

Jeff Bourque



- 1. Je - sus, the ru - ler of all na - ture, the
- 2. Je - sus, the won - der of the shep - herds, the
- 3. Je - sus, who spoke in puz - zling par - a - bles, who
- 4. Je - sus, who free - ly gave for - give - ness, con -
- 5. Je - sus, who let the mob be fur - i - ous, sub -



long - a - wait - ed Sav - ior, the King of kings for - ev - er. to Verse 2
 heal - er of the lep - ers, the calm - er of the wat - ers. to Chorus
 left the haugh - ty hum - bled, who chal - lenged and who trou - bled. to Verse 4
 found - ing all who wit - nessed that he should show such bold - ness. to Chorus
 mit - ting to their blood - lust, - rose to life vic - to - ri - ous! to Chorus



All praise and hon - or he has claimed, all pow'r and glo - ry!



All hell is trem - bling at the name of Je - sus! Sing with the



an - gels, come, and shout with old Sim - e - on and cry with the wom - en that his



mer - cy freed, oh, fol - low the fish - er - men and bow with the sin - ners because



we are in awe of the au - thor - i - ty of Christ.

Majesty choir

by Jack Hayford; arr. Bill George

Majesty! Worship his majesty!
Unto Jesus be all glory, power, and praise!
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise!
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus!
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King!
Majesty! Worship his majesty!
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Majesty! (O worship the King) Worship his majesty! (all glorious above)
Unto Jesus (gratefully sing) be all glory, power and praise!
Majesty, (Our Shield and Defender) kingdom authority (the Ancient of Days)
Flow from his throne, unto his own; his anthem raise!
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus!
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King!
Majesty! Worship his majesty!
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.
Amen.

Invocation concluding with the following prayer, spoken together

**God of Hope,
we come into your presence this morning
with confidence that you will meet us here.
Where there is sadness, bring joy;
Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;
Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.
Let this place be a sanctuary,
a safe haven for us,
a home for holy words and songs and prayers
as we devote ourselves to you.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession II Thessalonians 3:13

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of forgiveness Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reception of New Members

8:30am	Emma DeHoog Stan Mathay Kyle & Olivia Yost	11:15am	Kevin & Leah Quinn Henry & Sandra Vander Maas
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Baptisms

8:30am	Samuel Ross Knopf covenant son of Benjamin & Brittany	11:15am	Jane Elizabeth Quinn covenant daughter of Kevin & Leah
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8:30 service: During the second song, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service: Church bags are available in the foyer.

* *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

Trinity Hymnal 303

* *Awesome Power*

John G. Elliott



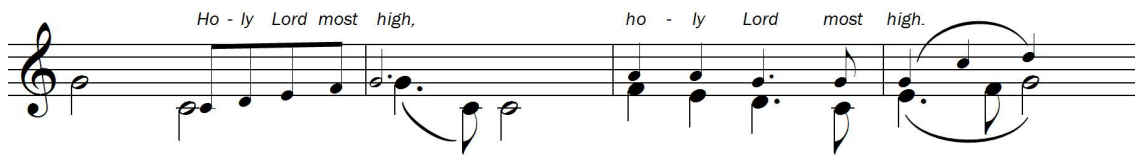
Awe - some pow - er, bound - less grace; none can



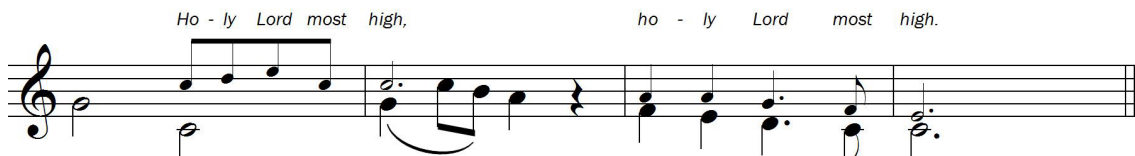
fath - om all Your ways. Truth and love are found in Your



heart a lone; right-eous - ness sur - rounds Your throne.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord most high;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord most high.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon A Hymn to Him
The Inevitably of Doxology

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

The Incredulity of Bold Intercession

The Interminate Reality of Eternity

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *In the Valley*

Tim Challies, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson



1. When the path that I feared is the way he has set and I
2. When the road that I tread fills my heart with des-pair and it
3. On the road that you walked with the weight of the cross, all the



long to give in and re-treat, still to Je-sus I hold as I
seems that my grief has no end, still to Je-sus I hold who will
pain and my sor-row you held. So to you I shall hold, you re-



face ev-'ry step for the Lord, he will give me his peace. Bless the
walk with me there and the Lord, he will give me his strength. Bless the
deem ev-'ry loss for my Lord, you have giv-en your-self. Bless the



Lord! He will give me his peace. Bless the
Lord! He will give me his strength. Bless the
Lord, for he gives me him-self! Bless the



Lord! He will give me his peace. And if I should re-main in the
Lord! He will give me his strength. And if I should re-main in the
Lord, for he gives me him-self! And if I should re-main in the



val-ley to-day, bless the Lord, he will give me his peace.
val-ley to-day, bless the Lord, he will give me his strength.
val-ley to-day, bless the Lord, for he gives me him-self.

Prayers of the People

*During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.
Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (616) 208-2820*

Offertory *piano solo*

* **Doxology** Trinity Hymnal 731

* **Benediction**

*Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.*

* ***And All the People Said Amen!***

**And all the people said “Amen!”
Oh, and all the people said “Amen.”
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said “Amen!”**

* **Postlude**

Worship musicians

Josh Kim, song leader and guitar

Stacy Kim, violin

Susan Guerra, piano



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