



Sunday Evening Service
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City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-7

Please stand for the Call to Worship if you are able.

Leader I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People **One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

People **And shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

Prayer of Invocation

All Glory Be To Christ

(Words & Music: Dustin Kensrue 2012)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king, all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ*

His will be done, his kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Call to Confession: Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Prayer of Confession:

... Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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King of Kings

(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
'Till from heaven you came running

There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the Law and Prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
Now we see that in your suff'ring
You saw glory to behold
Knowing you were our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

For the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
'Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
Then the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are re-stored

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Then the Church of Christ was born
And the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Scripture & Homily: Psalm 2

"Whom Will You Serve?"

- Elder Ben Chidester

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
³"Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶"As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you."
⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Outline

Pledge your allegiance to the Lord and his Kingdom

1. The world's perception of dominion
2. The divine reality
3. Our response

Additional Scripture

Ephesians 6:11-12 / Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Colossians 1:13-14 / He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Song of Thanksgiving

O Wherefore Do the Nations Rage

(Original Trinity Hymnal, #227)

O wherefore do the nations rage,
And kings and rulers strive in vain,
Against the Lord of earth and heav'n
To overthrow Messiah's reign?

Their strength is weakness in the sight
Of him who sits enthroned above;
He speaks, and judgments fall on them
Who tempt his wrath and scorn his love.

By God's decree his Son receives
The nations for his heritage;
The conqu'ring Christ supreme shall reign
As King of kings, from age to age.

Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,
And serve the Lord with godly fear;
With rev'rent joy confess the Son
While yet in mercy he is near.

Delay not, lest his anger rise,
And ye should perish in your way;
Lo, all that put their trust in him
Are blest indeed, and blest alway.

Benediction