

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 2022

Welcome to worship at Christ The King! Today we are going to look at an often-overlooked part of the Nativity story – the innocent slain baby boys of Bethlehem that lost their lives due to King Herod’s attempt to eliminate the problem of the newly born King Jesus. Little did anyone know that though those boys died for Jesus, He would also die for them and all of the rest of God’s people. The blood of the Lamb of God truly does wash away all of our sins!
...Vicar PJ Brooks

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

The Redeemer Will Come

Chancel Choir

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Let It Rise

Praise Band

THE OPENING HYMN

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB #349

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne and ev’ry voice a song.
2. He comes the pris’ners to release, in Satan’s bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.
3. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring with Thy beloved name.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus: *Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.*

1. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory
Lord, pour out Your power and love as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”
(Repeat Chorus, then vs. 1)
2. You are high and lifted up and You’re shining in the light of Your glory
Lord, pour out Your power and love as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

Ending: *Holy, holy holy, (You are) holy, holy holy.*
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

THE INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
P: *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
P: *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
C: Amen.

THE SONG RESPONSE

Nothing but the Blood

Brown Hymnal #266

1. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: *O! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

4. This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-11
Matthew 2:7-16

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE SONG RESPONSE

I Love You, Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice

To worship You, O my soul rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what You hear,

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. *Repeat*

THE MUSICAL OFFERING

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

Chancel Choir

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Emmanuel

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone; this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strifings cease.
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death: This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home; here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

THE SERMON

Vicar PJ Brooks

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB #332

1. Savior of the nations, come, virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n, and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
2. Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God.
Was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
3. Here a maid was found with child, yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.
8. Glory to the Father sing, glory to the Son, our King
Glory to the Spirit be now and through eternity.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

*Chorus: Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your Name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!*

Repeat all, then chorus, ending with:

Nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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Adult Bible Classes

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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Vicar PJ Brooks | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Pastor Terry Cashmer | PA Rd Gym |

Next Weekend at CTK

December 17 and 18, 2022

Preaching:

Pastor Jason Cashmer

Music:

Praise Band

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Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God

will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained

steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Matthew 2:7-16

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and

departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.