

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26 AND 27, 2025

Our text for today is a very familiar story: Doubting Thomas. Thomas can't believe that Jesus has risen from the dead until he actually sees with his own eyes and touches Jesus with his own hands. But just like every other story in the Bible, this text is not actually about Thomas; it's about Jesus. We will all doubt sometimes in our lives. The question is not "if" but "when" we will doubt. And the important thing is not what we do in the face of doubt, but what Jesus will do in the face of our doubt, and what Jesus has already done for us. Welcome to worship at Christ The King!

...Pastor PJ Brooks

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Duet/Instrumental

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Secret Ambition

Praise Band

THE OPENING HYMN

My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin,
I believe, I believe;
My shame He's taken away, my pain is healed in His name,
I believe, I believe.
I'll raise the banner; my Lord has conquered the grave.

*Chorus: My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives;
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.
(Repeat all, then continue with)*

You lift my burden, I'll rise with You;
I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see Your kingdom come. *Sing Chorus twice*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Sunday 9:00 a.m.

...Rowan Harper Howell, daughter of Justin and Jennifer née Kuta Howell, born on December 10, 2019.

THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*From Psalm 40*)

P: *I waited patiently for the LORD;*

C: He inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: *Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,*

C: who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

P: *In sacrifice and offering You have not delighted,*

C: but You have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

P: *I delight to do Your will, O my God;*

C: Your law is within my heart.”

P: *As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me;*

C: Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

(Time of silence for individual confession)

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high! *Repeat*

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4-18

John 20:19-31

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

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Repeat*

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

Musical Offering

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Duet/Instrumental

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Doxology/Amen

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON HYMN

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.

I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.

The entrance sealed by heavy stone; Messiah still and all alone.

*Chorus: O praise the name of the Lord our God, O praise His name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.

O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. *Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white. The blazing sun shall pierce the night,

And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. *Chorus twice*

Ending: Oh Lord, oh Lord our God, oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

THE SERMON

Pastor PJ Brooks

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

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

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
5. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

All Hail

He is risen from the grave! Undeclared, Jesus reigns
With all power in His name, He is over all, He is over all
At the mention of His name, captivated, all proclaim
There's no limit to His reign, He is over all, He is over all

*Chorus 1: Christ supreme, the nations bow. Our hearts adore as we cry out
Hosanna in the highest! Jesus is the greatest!*

Veiled in glory, robed in light, all surpassing is His might
Christ our Savior, lifted high, He is over all, He is over all

*Chorus 2: Christ supreme, the nations bow. Our hearts adore as we cry out
Hosanna in the highest
Over all, Your kingdom reigns; the earth resounds with Jesus' praise
Hosanna in the highest! Jesus is the greatest!*

Bridge: All praise, all praise the power of Jesus’ name
 All hail, all hail the name over every name. *(Repeat Bridge)*
End with Chorus 2 and Bridge

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| Adult Bible Classes | | |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Gym |

ATTENDANCE REGISTER – Members and visitors, please be sure to sign the attendance clipboard at the end of your pew and pass it down. Also, don’t forget to sign in your children, even if they’re in the nursery. Circle your name if you are taking Holy Communion. When the last person signs the book, please pass it back.

| Next Weekend at CTK | | May 3 and 4, 2025 |
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| Holy Communion at all services | | |
| Preaching: | Pastor Jason Cashmer | |
| Music: | | |
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. | King’s Ringers | |
| Sunday 11:00 a.m. | Praise Band | |

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Revelation 1:4-18

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven

churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.