

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render – O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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Blessing and Sending

Let us go in the name of Christ to love and serve the world.
Thanks be to God.

Our Mission

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church through community and for the city.

Connect to Christ Church

We are so happy you are worshiping with us and would love to connect with you! Stop by the welcome table in the foyer for information or prayer, and we invite you to the side yard after the service for coffee hour.

If you are new, please complete the Connect Card in the pew rack and give the card to a pastor. Visit christchurcheastbay.org for more information.

Worship Arts Opportunities

- Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you interested in participating on our Sunday worship teams?
 - Would you like to participate in our Lessons & Carols choir on Sunday evening, December 11?
- Please speak to or email our Worship Arts director Eric Gilbert (eric@christchurcheastbay.org) for either of these opportunities.

Christ Church Kids & Youth

Come to the check-in table in the entrance of the Sanctuary for information on our wonderful programs and childcare for our toddlers, kids and youth on Sundays, and more!

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Let's Read Isaiah! - Fall 2022 Reading Plan

Join us in a a reading plan that will walk us through the book of Isaiah until Christmas. Check the Worship page of the website for a link to the full plan and recommended resources, or find copies at the Welcome Table.

Week 7 - November 13

Sunday - Isaiah 34:1-17	Thursday - Isaiah 38:1-20
Monday - Isaiah 35:1-10	Friday - Isaiah 38:21-39:8
Tuesday - Isaiah 36:1-22	Saturday - Catch-up day
Wednesday - Isaiah 37:1-38	

Congregational Meeting

Today - November 13, right after the service

All are welcome for this important time to learn about what's going on in this season of Christ Church. We will hear from our church leaders about vision and values, mercy and missions, finances, and more. Extended childcare is available.

* Women Reading Women

Tomorrow - Monday, November 14, 7:00 pm

This month we're reading *The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist Dorothy Day*. Join us for an evening of great conversation and encouraging fellowship. See details on the * Events page.

* Deck the Halls - Saturday, November 26, 9:00-11:00 am

All hands on deck to decorate the our Sanctuary and Community Hall! Mark your calendar for a morning of fellowship and festive refreshments as we prepare our beautiful church for Advent and Christmas. Help us plan the morning by * registering in advance.

* "Journey to the Cradle" Midweek Advent Service & Supper Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14

Join us for three weeks of preparation leading up to Christmas Eve as we remember — through Scripture, prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds — what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is all about. There will be dinner at 6:00 pm and the service at 7:00 pm, with childcare and programs for infants through youth. Please * register for childcare and dinner by the Monday of that week.

Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm, reception following

This special evening service is a wonderful occasion for inviting friends and family to experience the beauty of Christ and His Gospel in word and song. Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and preschool. We will have a reception following the service, and we are asking folks to bring something bite-size, savory or sweet, on a disposable tray. (Please * register to help with the reception.)

Giving to Christ Church

God loves and provides for us abundantly, and Scripture teaches that giving is a way to respond to Him in thanksgiving and a way to serve and care for those in, among, and around us. You can support the work that God is doing in and through Christ Church by giving. You can set up a recurring donation, text 84321 with a dollar amount to give, ask your employer about employer matching for donations to charities, donate shares of stock, or scan the QR code below and click "Give" to learn more.

* Register and see details for events marked by an asterisk by using the Church Center app or this QR code:



Gathering

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes:

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"

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Call to Worship - Heidelberg Catechism

Q1: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
And we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore!

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The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Words: Edward Mote, 1834; Music: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1863

Prayer and Confession

Jesus said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
In the light of Christ, let us together confess our sins:
Almighty God, to know You is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have run after pleasures elsewhere, seeking empty idols above You. We have failed to love You with our whole heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that we might serve You in newness of life. Amen.

Silence is kept for private confession and petition.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God:

The LORD will rescue His servants; no one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned.

(Psalm 34:22)

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*Children are dismissed at this time.

Doxology (Alleluia)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Refrain 1

Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen!

Blessing and honor belong to our God,

Alleluia, Amen! Amen, Amen.

Refrain 2

Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory and power belong to our God,

Alleluia, Amen! Amen, Amen.

Glory to our God, Amen! Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

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The Lord’s Word

Old Testament Lesson

A reading from the book of 1 Kings:

1 Kgs. 18:1 After a long time, in the third year, the word of the Lord came to Elijah: “Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.”

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17 When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” 18 “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the Lord’s commands and have followed the Baals. 19 Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.” 20 So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 21 Elijah went

before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. 22 Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. 23 Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. 24 Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.” 25 Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” 26 So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. 27 At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” 28 So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. 29 Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. 30 Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. 31 Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” 32 With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. 33 He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.” 34 “Do it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. 35 The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. 36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and have done all these things at Your command. 37 Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that You, Lord, are God, and that You are turning their hearts back again.” 38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. 39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—He is God! The Lord—He is God!”

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45 Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.

The grass withers, and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God stands forever.

*Please be seated.

Teaching

Sermon Series: Revive Us!

Title: The God Who Answers

Preacher: Rev. Jonathan St. Clair

The Lord’s Supper

Let us confess our faith from the Apostle’s 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 to the dead. On 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 will 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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface (Prayer of Praise)

(Sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

He Took, Blessed, and Broke

Words of Institution

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

And now as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

He Gave

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus

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

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He’ll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

’Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Let us offer our gifts and our lives to God.

Most merciful Father, we recognize Your great blessings on us, in accordance with all You have done. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim Your faithfulness and Your salvation, this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Prayers offered for the Church, our city, and our world

Immortal Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Chorus

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

We praise You, we bless You, we lift You on high;

Immortal, invisible, God only wise.