



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday November 20, 2022
Christ the King

“THE REIGN OF CHRIST”

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout the bulletin.

Our worship is "liturgical." The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website resurrectionphl.org for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Reflection

[T]he whole point of the fairy tale of the Gospel is, of course, that he is the king in spite of everything. The frog turns out to be the prince, the ugly duckling the swan, the little gray man who asks for bread the great magician with the power of life and death in his hands, and though the steadfast tin soldier falls into the flames, his love turns out to be fireproof. There is no less danger and darkness in the Gospel than there is in the Brothers Grimm, but beyond and above all there is the joy of it, this tale of a light breaking into the world that not even the darkness can overcome.

-Frederick Buechner, *Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale*

Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

Christ the King Sunday

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgment is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgment, with which the cycle once more begins.

Welcome

Opening Song

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges, George Elvey



1. Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the lamb up - on his throne. Hark!
2. Crown him the Lord of love, be - hold his hands and side, rich
3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, who
4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways from



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. A -
wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
rose vic - to - rious to the_ strife for those he came to save. His
pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise: his



wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but
glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who
reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet fair



hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
down - ward bends his wond'ring eye at my - ste - ries so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
flow'rs of pa - ra - dise ex - tend their fra - grance e - ver sweet.

Opening of Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All And also with you.

Responsive Psalm Reading

Give the king your justice, O God,
All and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun.
**May all nations be blessed in him;
may they pronounce him happy.**
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

from Psalm 72

*GOD SUMMONS US
AS HIS PEOPLE*

*As we meet together
each week, we
recognize in the
preparation that God,
through his word and
Spirit, gathers us into
his presence and calls
us into his life and
mission.*

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Doxology

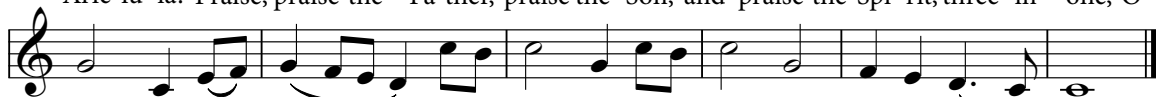
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O — praise him,



Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O
Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi- rit, three in one, O



praise him! O — praise — him! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him! O — praise — him! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

Confession of Sin

O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will,
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song.
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



this cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
then bur - sting forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus commands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease!
'Til on the cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from his hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
for ev' - ry sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
'til he re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US
IN HIS WORD**

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Word of God

New Testament reading: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 23:33-43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

"The Reign of Christ" – Rev. Chris Currie

Song of Response

Jesus Shall Reign

Psalm 72, Isaac Watts



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the_ sun does its suc -
2. To him shall end - less_ prayer be_ made, and prai - ses
3. Peo - ple and realms of_ ev - 'ry_ tongue dwell on his
4. Bles - sings a - bound wher - e'er he_ reigns; the pris - ner
5. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture_ rise and_ bring their grate - ful



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voi - ces_
leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find_ e -
ho - nors to our king; an - gels des - cend_ with_



shore to_ shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
-fume, shall rise with ev - 'ry mor - ning sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bles - sings on his name.
-ter - nal_ rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

Having offered ourselves up in faith through the creed, affirming the power of God's redemption, we lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God in prayer for his provision and healing.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Lord Jesus, we pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.

May your reign come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.

May your dominion come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for your church around the world and for this community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth.

May your kingdom come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

GOD STRENGTHENS US
AT HIS TABLE

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, for you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, as priest and King. Crowned with thorns, he offered his life upon the cross, that he might draw all people into that kingdom where he now reigns in glory. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Ho- ly, ho- ly ho- ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea- ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high- est!
Bles- sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the_ high- est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,
forever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

*We use wine in
Communion. Non-
alcoholic white grape
juice and a gluten-
free option are also
available if preferred.
Please discard your
Communion cup as
you leave worship.*

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Communion Song

When I Survey

Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason



1. When I sur - vey the_ won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that_ I should boast, save in the
3. See from his head, his_ hands, his_ feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of_ na - ture_ mine, that were an



Prince of_ glo - ry_ died, my rich - est gain I_
death of_ Christ my_ God. All the vain things that_
love flow_ min - gled_ down. Did e'er such love and_
off' - ring_ far too_ small; love so a - ma - zing,



count but_ loss, and pour con-tempt on all my_ pride.
charm me_ most, I sac - ri - fice them to his_ blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com-pose so rich a_ crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my_ all.

Prayer after Communion

All God our Father,
strengthen us by this meal,
and help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery, Vito Aiuto



1. Hail to the Lord's__ a - noin-ted, great Da - vid's grea-ter_ Son!
2. He comes in suc - cor spee-dy_ to those who suf - fer_ wrong;
3. He shall come down__ like sho - wers up - on the fruit - ful_ earth;
4. To him shall prayer__ un - ceas - ing_ and dai - ly vows as - cend;



Hail in__ the time__ ap - poin - ted, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor__ and nee - dy,_ and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope,__ like flo - wers, spring in his path to birth.
his king - dom still__ in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end:



He comes to break__ op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
to give them songs__ for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to_ light,
Be - fore him, on__ the moun - tains, shall peace, the he - rald, go,
the tide of time__ shall ne - ver his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way__ trans - gres - sion and rule in e - qui - ty_
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
and right - eous - ness,__ in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
his name shall stand__ for - e - ver, his name to us is__ love.

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The offering is part of our worship together, an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Resurrection. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give— we're grateful simply for your presence here today.

**GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD**

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so at resurrectionphl.org/give or text any amount to the number 84321.

Benediction

May Christ our King
make you faithful to the hope of his calling,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Musicians

Sarah Long: guitar, voice

Mike Szekely: drums

Courtney Szekely: voice

Liturgist

Jennifer Cho

Scripture Reading

Jennifer Cho

Celebrant

Rev. Ryan McCormick

CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS Gathering missionally throughout the week for times of service, fellowship, prayer, and deeper study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people, and most meet weekly. If you are looking for a way to connect with and care for the people around you, join the group nearest you! Go to www.resurrectionphl.org/communitygroups to see more details and to reach out to a group leader for one of the groups below.

West Philly

- 45th & Larchwood, Sundays 9am
- 48th & Larchwood, Thursdays 7:00pm
- 48th & Walton, every other Sunday 4pm
- 48th & Baltimore, every other Thursday 6:45pm
- Spruce Hill Area, Tuesdays 7pm

Western Burbs

- Western Burbs (Zoom), every other Thursday, 8pm

Center-City

- Old City, Wednesdays 6:45p

Fairmount

- Fairmount #1, weekly, Sundays 4pm
- Fairmount #2, 1st & 3rd Sundays 5pm at Common Table

South Philly

- Passyunk Square, various meeting times during the month
- Italian Market, Wednesdays, 7pm
- Point Breeze, Tuesdays, 7pm

FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. The **"Ends of the Earth" Sunday evening program** runs on nights we have Common Table and invites kids to explore what it means to be a global disciple of Christ through music, games, and age-group classes. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth, Sundays 5-7 pm.** Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at the Center City building to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Contact Elizabeth Bassett, youthleader@resurrectionphl.org

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Resurrection hosts a weekly group for undergrads that meets on Penn's campus at 7pm each Wednesday. Both undergraduate and graduate students are also invited to participate in a student fellowship that will meet during Resurrection's Common Table gathering that happens on 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl.org) for more information about these events.

GROW

Resurrection is a community committed to growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrectionphl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign Up to Serve Thanksgiving Breakfast with Emmanuel

We partner with Emmanuel Ministry to serve a Thanksgiving Day breakfast from our Center City building. It's a cherished tradition where we serve a really hearty, home-cooked breakfast to our friends experiencing homelessness and food insecurity – many of whom may not get another meal that day. We've set the shifts so you don't need to miss out on your own family fun. Opportunities both Wednesday and Thursday of Thanksgiving week. Go to resurrectionphl.org/emmanuel for a sign up link.

Common Table Tonight, 5-7 pm Common Table is a new initiative that we're launching to foster relational connection, hospitality, and discipleship (for all ages) in the Resurrection community. Please register if you plan to join: resurrectionphl.org/commontable.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

20 Common Table
5-7 pm @ CC

December

4 Common Table
5-7 pm @ CC

11 Service of Lessons &
Carols @ CC, 5 pm
(No AM services)

18 Cookies, Cocoa & Carols
@ Woodland, 4 pm

24 Christmas Eve Service
@ CC, 5 pm

25 Worship Service
@ CC, 10:30 am

January

1 Worship Service
@ WCHS, 10:30am

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

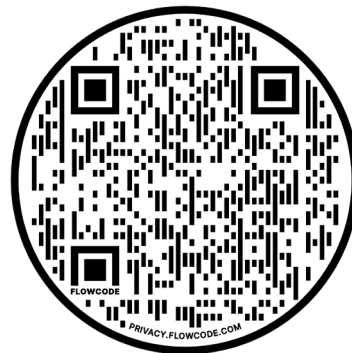
Phone number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: _____



Prayer Requests

Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.

Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

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