

Morning Prayer

If you have a birthday or anniversary this week (or had one last week), text your name to 512-290-9967 so that we can pray for you by name at the end of the service.

OPENING SONG

The people stand.

Our Great God

Fernando Ortega

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown,
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown,
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm;
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Let every creature in the sea, and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his Word.

OPENING SENTENCE

OFFICIANT Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

ISAIAH 57:15

CONFESSION OF SIN

The people kneel.

OFFICIANT

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

ALL

*Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

OFFICIANT

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The people stand.

INVITATORY

OFFICIANT O Lord, open our lips;
PEOPLE *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*
OFFICIANT O God, make speed to save us;
PEOPLE *O Lord, make haste to help us.*
OFFICIANT Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
PEOPLE *As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*
OFFICIANT Praise the Lord.
PEOPLE *The Lord's Name be praised.*

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Jesus, I Come

Words: W.T. Sleeper, 1887; Music: Greg Thompson, 2000

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health,
Out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.

The people sit.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Let the Flame Burn Brighter

Let the flame burn brighter
In the heart of the darkness
Turning night to glorious day
Let the song grow louder
As our love grows stronger
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Terrice's video

THE PSALMS APPOINTED

The people stand.

LECTOR Let us pray **Psalm 103** together in unison.

- 8 *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.*
- 9 *He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.*
- 10 *He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.*
- 11 *For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.*
- 12 *As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.*
- 13 *As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.*

ALL

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

The people sit.

THE LESSON

LECTOR

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

^{2:36} [Peter said,] "... Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:36–47 (ESV)

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOMILY

THE PRAYERS

The people kneel or stand.

LECTOR The Lord is here.
PEOPLE *And his Spirit is with us.*
LECTOR Let us pray.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

LECTOR

Lord Jesus Christ, through our lives both individually and as a church we desire to make known to our city and to the whole world that you have died, that you are risen, and that you will come again. We ask that you would so captivate our hearts in devotion to you that your faithfulness and love would be made visible in our lives.

Take a moment to pray for an increased devotion to Jesus through these coming months.

Holy Spirit, fill our souls with awe, anchor us in a daily life and practice that will nourish us and orient us to the places you are leading us, and empower us to testify with our words and our lives to the love and faithfulness of God.

Take a moment to pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you, to empower you, and to send you.

CELEBRANT

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

ALL

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The people sit.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

On a typical Sunday when we are physically together, we pass the peace of the Lord to each other simply by turning to those around us and saying, “The peace of Christ to you,” or “God’s peace.” We would like to invite you now to pass the peace not only to those who may be sitting with you at home, but also to friends and loved ones who are in other locations, perhaps through a text or other messaging app.

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

christchurchofaustin.org/coronavirus

To receive email updates, make sure you are on our email list by entering your email address into the “Newsletter signup” box at the bottom of the page at christchurchofaustin.org.

Birthday names are read.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary names are read.

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

O God, you have so blessed the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your children, that their lives together may continue to reflect your love and forgiveness and that their home may

be a haven of blessing and peace; we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

OFFERING & CONGREGATIONAL SONGS

We invite you to give online at christchurchofaustin.org/give. If your giving comes in by check, we are still receiving mail.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend, 1995

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward?

I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

The General Thanksgiving

Ryan Flanigan, 2016

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
Here we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks,
For you are good and full of loving-kindness,
Pouring out your love to us and all whom you have made.
We bless you, Lord,
For our creation, preservation, and the blessings of this life;
But most of all for your immeasurable love,
The redemption of the world by Jesus Christ;
For the means of grace, and the hope of glory.

And give us such awareness of your mercies,
That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our whole lives,
Giving up our selves to serve you, walking in your ways,
In holiness and righteousness all of our days;
And now through Jesus Christ our Lord,
To whom, with you and with the Holy Spirit raise
All the honor and the praise forevermore. Amen. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

OFFICIANT Let us bless the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

OFFICIANT The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all
evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

If you would like receive prayer today, you can call in to or join the prayer team through video conference at the end of the service with this link or phone number.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89443104645>

Zoom Call-In (if no Zoom app or Zoom account)

Phone Number: +1 346-248-7799

Meeting ID: 894 4310 4645

CLOSING SONG

It Is Well with My Soul

Words: Horatio Spafford; Music: Philip Bliss

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well, (it is well)

With my soul, (with my soul)

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

