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Christ the Rock's Mission:

To grow in faith and boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen to all people of the Four Corners.

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE ROCK!

We are glad you are here today.

- Youngsters are encouraged to sit with the congregation in the main worship area. However, if your child becomes restless, feel free to use our **family quiet room** at the rear of the sanctuary.
- A **nursery** with a television displaying today's service is also available.
- **Restrooms** are located through the double doors and to the left.
- Out of consideration for others, **please silence all electronic devices.**

You've heard the fairy tales and the myths of heroes. Stories of worlds overrun with evil and danger where the only hope is a rescuer who can right the wrong and make sure the characters live happily ever after. The Bible is kind of like a fairy tale, epic in scope, featuring a victorious hero, miraculous, at times almost unbelievable, yet completely different from a myth or a tall tale, because by faith we know it's all true! This season of "End Times" we invite you to flip to the end of the story, see how the King returns to rescue his people from unspeakable evil, judges the world from his throne, wakes the sleeping, and promises to rule us graciously now and forever after. Spoiler alert – Through faith in the King, we live happily ever after. The End!



OPENING HYMN

“Jerusalem the Golden” *Christian Worship Supplement #728*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
bring us To that dear land of rest Where
glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song,
sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Come near to God and he will come near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. *James 4:8,10*

All: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

P: Jesus will return and all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out.

Quiet moment for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. Ignoring the signs of our Savior's return, we live selfishly for today. We are wrapped up in ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow you and give glory to your name.

P: The Christ who is coming as judge and king came first in poverty. He gave his life to buy our lives back from sin, death, and judgment. By his authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The world awaits the return of the Lord.

All: In joyful hope, Christ's people wait.

P: The days move closer to the time when the world's restlessness will end.

All: Looking forward to the promise of peace, Christ's people wait.

P: As false prophets preach and people make empty claims about what is important in life,

All: we believe Jesus died for us and find hope in his promises.

P: When the Last Day comes, though the earth will shake and the mountains will tumble into the sea,

All: we will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

P: Though the waters will roar and the waves will crash, though storms will rumble and clouds will gather,

All: we will keep our Savior in our sight as he arrives on heaven's clouds.

P: Though all the world will pass away,

All: sustain us, Lord Jesus, with your love, which will never pass away. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

12 Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

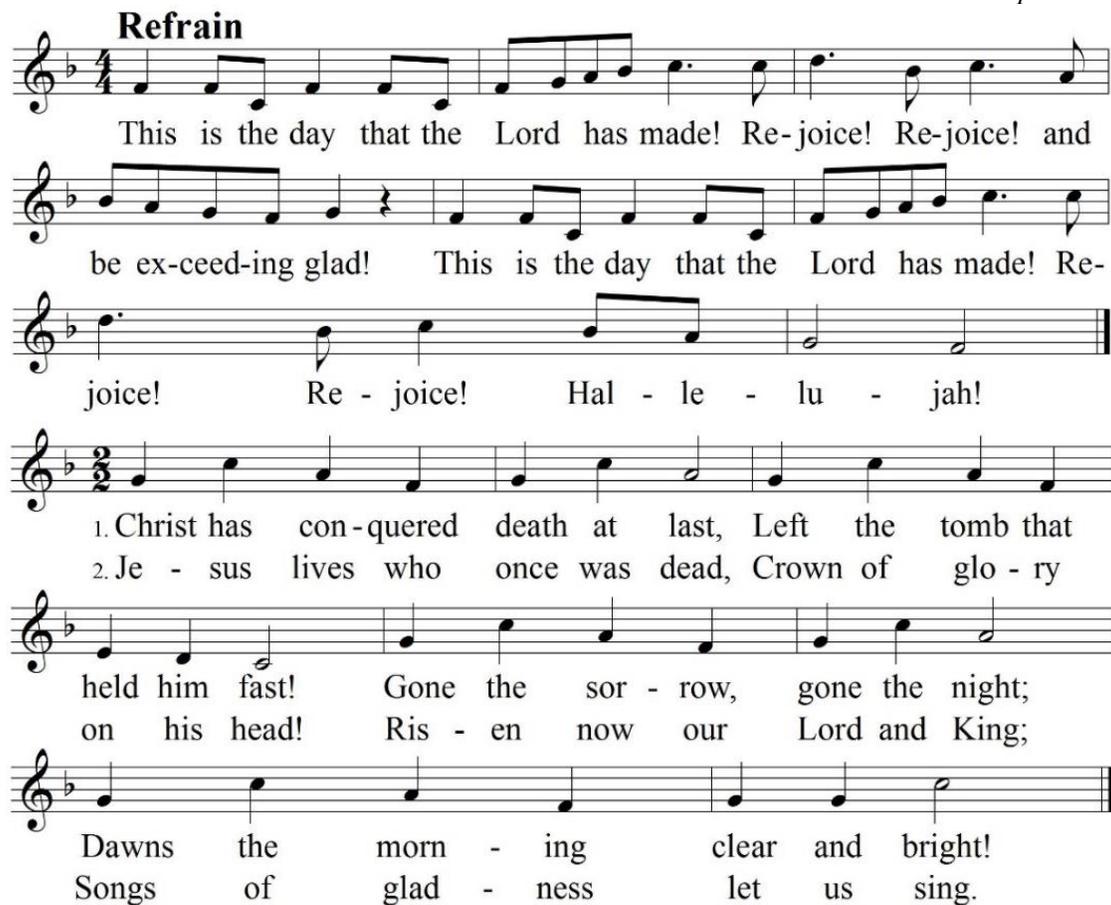
At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. ³ Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118 – “This Is the Day”

Let All the People Praise #304

Refrain



This is the day that the Lord has made! Re-joyce! Re-joyce! and
be ex-ceed-ing glad! This is the day that the Lord has made! Re-
joyce! Re - joyce! Hal - le - lu - jah!

1. Christ has con-quer-ed death at last, Left the tomb that
2. Je - sus lives who once was dead, Crown of glo - ry

held him fast! Gone the sor - row, gone the night;
on his head! Ris - en now our Lord and King;

Dawns the morn - ing clear and bright!
Songs of glad - ness let us sing.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. ¹⁴ Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

¹⁵ In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

ALLELUIA! Praise the Lord!

Al-le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia!... Al-le-
lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!...
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-27 (NIV)

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress,
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Still My Soul” *Christian Worship #415*



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul, though dear - est friends de - part
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;
When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;
Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,
When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

MESSAGE



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker 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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANK OFFERING

The members of Christ the Rock give an offering in honor of all God has done for us, and to support God's mission within our congregation and beyond. If you have an offering, you can drop it in the plate on the table in the back of church as you leave. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to support this ministry. You are our guest. Welcome!

We would love to make a meaningful connection with you. Please take one of the connection cards and fill it out. You can drop the card in the offering plate on the way out. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS & LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

“There Is a Higher Throne”

Christian Worship Supplement #727

1 There is a high - er throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -

world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - 'rous
an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies
their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who
reigns on high for - ev - er - more.