

God's Remedy for Sin Is Faith

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WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING!

We are a Christian church centered on Jesus Christ. Our mission is to share the good news of eternal life through Christ with you.

We are both an established, yet new church. We have been serving Bell Gardens since the 1970s. At the same time, we recently began a partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to revitalize our mission and ministry.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

This service folder is your guide for today's worship. Much of our service is designed to be responsive between the pastor and the congregation. The pastor will lead the sections marked **(M)**. The congregation is invited to join on the sections marked **(C)**.

We welcome all children to our worship services and children are encouraged to participate as they are able. If children need a break from the worship service, a nursery is available in the back of our sanctuary.

Restrooms are in the back of our church. They are assessible through the hallway along the north side of our building, or through the door to the right of our altar area.



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De -
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; Now
 4 All right - eous - ness by works is vain; The
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid On



not to earth de - scend - ed And in our
 spair no more reigns o'er me. No more am
 all my sor - row ceas - es. His words a -
 law brings con - dem - na - tion. True right - eous -
 Christ, your Son, my Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus,



mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's pow - er
 I bid - by sin op - pressed, For Christ has borne sin
 ness by peace im - part; His blood from guilt re -
 you my debt have paid And gained for me God's



end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of
 for me. Up - on the cross for me he
 va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri -
 fav - or. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of



mine In hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine
 died That, rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide
 tain; He wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain;
 fice, Has paid the all - suf - fi - cient price;
 grace, The good in me to you I trace;



Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 With you, my God, for - ev - er.
 And pure I stand be - fore him.
 In him my hope is an - chored.
 In faith and hope pre - serve me.

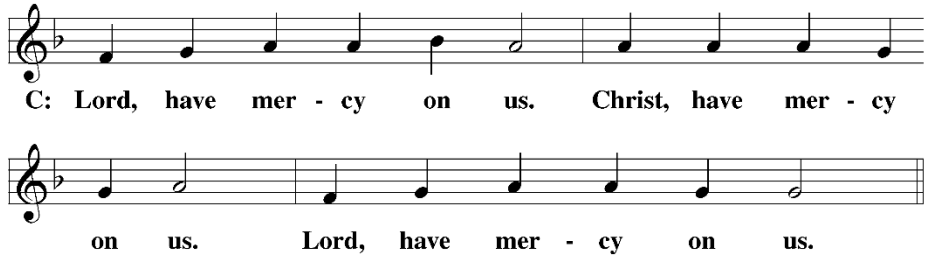
CONFESSION OF SINS

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



M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



LENTEN ANTHEM

M: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.
All sins you car - ried for us, else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live."⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

M: The Gospel According to Saint Matthew.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Love the World So that He Gave

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1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

SERMON

God's Remedy for Sin is Faith

Numbers 21:4-9

APOSTLE'S 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.

OFFERING

The members of Christ the King have joined together to do the Lord's work in their community and around the world. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate in this offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The minister leads the congregation in the prayer of the church.

LORD'S PRAYER

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
forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: 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.



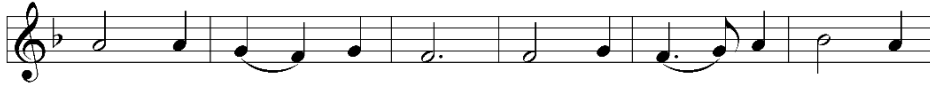
CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

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1 Love di - vine, all love ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha
3 Sanc - ti - fy your new cre - a - tion; Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down, Fix in us your hum - ble
and O - me - ga be. End of faith as its be -
spot - less let us be. Let us trust your great sal -



dwell - ing, All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.
gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
va - tion, Won for us on Cal - va - ry,



Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion, Bound - less
We would ev - er seek your bless - ing, Serve you
Till we lay our crowns be - fore you, Till in



mer - cy from a - bove. Vis - it us with ben - e -
as your hosts a - bove, Pray and praise you with - out
heav'n we take our place, Till in glo - ry we a -



dic - tion; Com - fort us with heav'n - ly love.
ceas - ing; Glo - ry in your per - fect love.
dore you, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Church Cleaning Date	March 24 from 10am to 12pm
Voters Meeting	March 25 at 12pm
Maundy Thursday Bilingual	March 29 at 7:00pm
Good Friday Bilingual	March 30 at 7:00pm
Easter Sunday Bilingual	April 1 at 10:45am

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

On March 18, we will begin a new bible study. It is designed so that all ages can participate. It will be held every Sunday from 10am to 10:30am.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar Flowers were provided by Alejandro Aguiar. If you would like to provide altar flowers for a Sunday, please speak to Hazel Hampton or Pastor Matt.

If you would like to order special flowers for Easter, please complete the order form in this service folder and return to Hazel Hampton or Pastor Matt.

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