

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

CHRIST *Community church*



Eastertide

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Take Us to the River

Take us to the river, take us there in unity to sing
A song of Your salvation, to win this generation for our King
A song of Your forgiveness, For it is with grace that river flows
Take us to the river in the city of our God

Take us to Your throne room and give us ears to hear the cry of heaven
For that cry is mercy, mercy to the fallen sons of men
For mercy, it has triumphed, triumphed over judgment by the blood
Take us to the throne room, in the city of our God

*For the Spirit of the sovereign Lord is upon us
This is the year of the Lord
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Take us to the mountain, lift us in the shadow of Your hands
Is this Your mighty angel, who stands astride the oceans and the land
For in His hand Your mercy, showers on a dry and barren place
Take us to the mountain in the city of our God

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Greeting

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

And also with you!

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord;

Alleluia!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be; world without end, Amen, Amen.**

Confession

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away our evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart. ~ 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Silence and prayer. . .

*Merciful God, we confess to You,
Before the whole company of heaven, and one another
(x2)
That we have sinned, in thought, word, and deed
and in what we have failed to do
Forgive our sin; heal us by Your Spirit
And raise us to new life in Christ, amen! (x2)*

Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Be at peace, for His is the dominion, the kingdom, the power, and the glory of God, now and forever and to the ages of ages. May the Lord grant you the strength to be repentant, and may He keep you from all evil, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Prayers of the Assembly

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Have mercy, Lord." For peace within the world and for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, that we would cling to You and cling to our faith, we pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, Lord.

For the members of this congregation, for our elders, for those that have gone out from among us in the service of Christ – Brian & Cindy Denker, and Stephen & Shelley Kennedy – and for others we support – The Britenmosers, I.O.I. and other missionaries, we pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, Lord.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and the orphans, for the sick and injured, for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, that among the suffering all might see Your purposes and mercies, we pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, Lord.

For pastors, priests, and other called ministers you have raised up from among us:

Have mercy, Lord.

For the leaders of this nation, for the leadership of our state and city, we pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, Lord.

In the communion of Christ Community Church and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our lives, to Christ our God. Even so, we say, come quickly Lord Jesus.

To You, O Lord our God we pray, have mercy.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come;
Amen.

Psalm 23 (Sung)

To the tune of "Morning Has Broken"

God is my shepherd, and I lack nothing
Through grassy pastures He makes me rest
By quiet waters He restores my soul
And it gives glory to His great Name

Though You may lead me through the dark valley,
I fear no evil, for You are here
Your rod is comfort, Your staff is blessing,
You feed me safely in front of my foes

My cup runs over when you anoint me
Surely Your mercy never runs out
I will live in the house of my Savior
And I will live there forevermore

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch your heart
And glorify Your name

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name let the nations sing it louder
Because nothing has the power to save
But Your name*

Jesus, in Your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord, give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name

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Hymn #61: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blesses Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has loved us, love us still.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have oth-

er sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Sermon

Eucharist

If you are a visitor and you believe in our Lord Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection from the dead for the forgiveness of your sins and you have been baptized, you are welcome to participate in The Eucharist, The Lord's Supper, with us. Unless otherwise instructed, join us at the kneeling bench at the altar. To receive the bread, hold out your hands and an elder or someone appointed to the task will hand you a piece of the bread. In the same manner, a cup will be given to you as well. We serve wine as well as grape juice. If you would like to have the grape juice, simply fold your arms across your chest in an 'X'.

The Lord is here;
His Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts;
We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
It is right to give him thanks and praise!

...Prayer

**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.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us ...
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,
the power, and the glory, forever,
Amen.

The blessing the bread and cup ...

Hymn #27—"All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Benediction