



Christ the King Parish
601 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, CT

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Opening Hymn: Sing A New Song

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought them to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus

he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.

He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him.

And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace.

It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm:

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the Lord.

The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the Lord shall praise him:
“May your hearts live forever!”

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.**

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of the nations
shall bow down before him.

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.**

To him alone shall bow down
all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend
all who go down into the dust.

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.**

And to him my soul shall live;
my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the Lord
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown.

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.**

Second Reading: 1 John

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him
in whatever our hearts condemn,
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence in God
and receive from him whatever we ask,
because we keep his commandments
and do what pleases him.
And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.
Those who keep his commandments
remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us
is from the Spirit he gave us.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.
You are already pruned because of the word
that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own
unless it remains on the vine,
so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
will be thrown out like a branch and wither;
people will gather them and throw them into a fire
and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified,

that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Offertory Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Refrain: Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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My Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

1. O Lord my God!

When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

2. When through the woods

and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook,
And feel the gentle breeze.

Communion Hymn: I Received the Living God

Refrain: I received the living God,
And my heart is full of joy.
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And my heart is full of joy.

1 Jesus said: I am the bread
Kneaded long to give you life;
You who will partake of me
Need not ever fear to die.

2 Jesus said: I am the way,
And my Father longs for you;
So I come to bring you home
To be one with us anew.

3 Jesus said: I am the truth;
Come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
And my word shall make you free.

4 Jesus said: I am the life
Far from whom no thing can grow,
But receive this living bread,
And my Spirit you shall know.

Closing Hymn: Sing with all the Saints in Glory

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we, awaking,
Know the everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
There on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it;
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.