



# King of Kings

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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## AS WE GATHER

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### TODAY'S THEME

God intentionally uses you to bring His salvation to other people. He chose to use some real sinners from among the worst of sinners. He chose to use people whose hearts were made of unchanging stone. He washed us clean of the filth created by our idols, and He put a new Spirit and a new heart within us. He did this for His own glory. You were saved for God's glory, and God is using you to spread His glorious work to the lives of others.

### WELCOME

Good morning! We are glad you are with us today. If you need assistance this morning, please feel free to speak to an usher. They are near the glass doors at the back of the room. Our Nursery and Cry Room are on the right side of the Sanctuary. Feel free to use them! We ask that you to please clean up after your child(ren).

### HOLY COMMUNION

We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion today. We invite those desiring to be guests at the Lord's Table who:

1. believe Jesus Christ is their God and Savior;
2. are baptized into the Christian faith through God's Triune name;
3. confess sin, seek the assurance of forgiveness, and intend, with God's help, to amend their sinful life; and
4. believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine the person receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

More information about what we believe is available on our website: [www.KingofKingsTX.org/what-we-believe](http://www.KingofKingsTX.org/what-we-believe)

Our process begins when the Ushers direct people forward to the altar rail.

- Wafers of bread are given first. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
- Red wine is offered next in the small cups in the tray. Alcohol-free white grape juice is available in the cups in the center of the tray.
- The pastor will give a blessing to children and to those who desire to have a blessing rather than Communion. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail to receive a blessing.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRE-SERVICE VIDEO

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Colossians 3:16; Acts 20:28;*

*Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 4:11–13a*

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

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

**People: Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.**

*Pastor: Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*

**People: And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.**

*Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## SONG: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

## CHORUS

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy

## REPEAT VERSE & CHORUS

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
I want to see You

## REPEAT

## CHORUS

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## CONFESSING OUR SINS

*Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, confident that He will hear and forgive us for Jesus' sake.*

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always been proud to bear Your name. At times, we crumble in the face of the trials that come our way. We allow worries and anxieties to crowd out Your caring presence. Keep us in Your name, which You have given us in Baptism, and forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*Pastor: Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace!*

**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: O King of glory, Lord of Your Church, You suffered on the cross and defeated death and the devil for us.*

**People: Make us one as You and the Father are one. Unite us with You and as Your Body, the Church, in suffering and celebration, that the world may be drawn to You and the power of the resurrection.**

*Pastor: We pray to You, Jesus, who is risen and reign eternally with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 36:22-28**

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:7-11**

The end of all things is at hand. Therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-16:4**

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness

about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you."

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits 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.**

## **SONG OF THE DAY: If We Are the Body**

It's crowded in worship today  
As she slips in trying to fade into the faces  
The girls teasing laughter is carrying  
Farther than they know  
Farther than they know

### **CHORUS**

**(But) if we are the body  
Why aren't His arms reaching  
Why aren't His hands healing  
Why aren't His words teaching  
And if we are the body  
Why aren't His feet going  
Why is His love not showing them there is a way  
(There is a way)**

A traveler is far away from home  
He sheds his coat and quietly

Sinks into the back row  
The weight of their judgmental glances  
Tells him that his chances are better  
Out on the road

**CHORUS**

Jesus paid much too high a price  
For us to pick and choose who should come  
And we are the body of Christ

**CHORUS**

Jesus is the way

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**THE MESSAGE: Inspired Hearts**

*Ezekiel 36:22-28*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*(After each prayer)*

*Pastor: ...Lord, in Your mercy:*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*(Last prayer)*

*Pastor: All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

**BLESSING THE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

Hannah Bertelson  
Dora Ann Cooper  
Hayden Cartwright-Shirey  
Torin Eschberger  
Sarah Molloy

Briana Nelson  
Sophia Pafk  
Ashlynn Randall  
Sudeep Sirivella  
Caleb Trollope

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Jayson Sanders  
Jonathan Seeger  
Darlene Siem

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**H O L Y   C O M M U N I O N**

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## PREFACE

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*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, Lord our God, who is our Creator and has given Your one and only Son to suffer and die for the sins of the world before rising victorious on the third day, appearing before His disciples before ascending to heaven to lead us to Your glory that awaits us. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

### THE LORD'S PEACE

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: And also with you. Amen.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SPECIAL MUSIC: Ava Maria

*Flautist: Michael Kolagani*

### SONG: Breathe

This is the air I breathe

This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread  
Tis is my daily bread  
Your every word, spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for You, O Lord.  
And I, I'm lost without You, my Savior.

**REPEAT ALL**

And I, I'm desperate for You, O Lord.  
And I, I'm lost without You, my Savior.

This is the air I breathe.

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**SONG: Thank You Jesus for the Blood**

I was a wretch  
I remember who I was  
I was lost, I was blind  
I was running out of time

Sin separated  
The breach was far too wide  
But from the far side of the chasm  
You held me in your sight

So You made a way  
Across the great divide  
Left behind Heaven's throne  
To build it here inside

And there at the cross  
You paid the debt I owed  
Broke my chains, freed my soul  
For the first time I had hope

**CHORUS**

**Thank you Jesus for the blood applied  
Thank you Jesus, it has washed me white  
Thank you Jesus, You have saved my life  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light**

You took my place  
Laid inside my tomb of sin  
You were buried for three days  
But then You walked right out again



And now death has no sting  
And life has no end  
For I have been transformed  
By the blood of the lamb

### CHORUS

There is nothing stronger  
Than the wonder working power of the blood  
The blood

That calls us sons and daughters  
We are ransomed by our Father  
Through the blood  
The blood

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### CHORUS

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## CLOSING PRAYER

*Pastor: We thank You, Jesus, for gathering us at Your Table as an oasis for our parched and weary souls. Strengthen us as we face fiery trials and suffering so that Your glory may be revealed; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG: You Are My Treasure

Faithful Lord fill my cup  
With Your grace and love

Your grace and love  
The pleasures that  
This world's sure of  
Will never be enough  
Can never be enough

### **CHORUS**

**'Cause I'm created for You alone  
Bought with a price I'm not my own  
Seated in the heavenlies  
There's no place I'd rather be  
Than with You forever Lord  
You are my treasure**

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### **SENDING**

*Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

### **SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Chris Brynestad

**MUSIC LEADER:** Brian Sedatole

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT:** Todd Ewing / Randy Erben

**READER:** Lori Bennett

**USHER:** Terry Plueneke. / Jayson Sanders

**A/V TECHS:** Keegan Ehrhardt / Steve Buffum / Davis Hicks

**ALTAR GUILD:** Lori Bennett / Nancy Brisbois / Debbie Canales / Debbie Smith

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