When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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# Blessing and Sending

Let us go in the name of Christ to love and serve the world. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Our Mission

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church, through community, for the city.

### Connect to Christ Church

We are so happy you are worshiping with us and would love to connect with you!

**If you are new**, please complete the Connect Card via the QR code or in the pew rack, and place it in the offering tray or in the box at the Welcome Table. On it you can sign up for our email updates on events and ways to be involved. Visit our website, christchurcheastbay.org, to learn more about our church.

#### **Opportunities to Serve**

There are many ways to be involved at Christ Church — we can use your gifts! We always need more people to be part of the worship or audio-video team, greet newcomers, host the coffee hour, or help with the kids. To see all the options and sign up, head over to christchurcheastbay.org/ways-to-serve.

#### **Christ Church Kids & Youth**

Come to the check-in table in the entrance of the Sanctuary for information on our wonderful programs and childcare for our toddlers, kids, and youth on Sundays, and more!

# **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

#### **Let's Read Acts & Epistles Together**

Join us as we read through the Acts of the Apostles and Epistles this spring and summer. Full schedule and recommended resources are on the back table or under the Resources tab of the website.

#### Week 4 - April 28

Sunday	Romans 8	Thursday	Romans 12
Monday	Romans 9	Friday	Romans 13
Tuesday	Romans 10	Saturday	Romans 14
Wednesday	Romans 11		

#### \* The Fullness of Philosophy - Starts Today Sundays, April 28, May 12 & 26, 12:00 pm, Upper Room

Led by Jonathan Tanaka, CC member and UC Berkeley philosophy PhD student, we'll explore how the philosophical milieu of the first century is exactly as we would expect if the intellectual landscape were to be maximally providentially prepared for the revelation of lesus Christ.

#### **Nominations for Elders and Deacons Due Today**

Members can nominate candidates for the offices of elder and deacon in advance of next Sunday's congregational meeting. Deadline is today. Contact Pastor Andrew with your questions: andrew@christchurcheastbay.org

#### \* Oakland Meet-Up at Lake Temescal This Saturday, May 4, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Bring your own whatever and enjoy a morning hanging out and connecting with your Christ Church family at beautiful Lake Temescal. Questions? Please reach out to Peter Poer (peterpoer@gmail.com).

## **Congregational Meeting**

#### Next Sunday, May 5, immediately following the Service

All are welcome for this important time to learn about what's going on in this season of Christ Church. If you consider Christ Church your home, please plan to be part of this twice-a-year meeting.

### \* 2nd Wednesday Dinner, Praise & Prayer May 8, Dinner 6:00 pm, Service 7:00 pm

Join us as we gather to enjoy a free meal together and to pray and enjoy singing "psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit" (Col 3:16). Youth will meet; no CCKids. Please \* register today for dinner.

#### \* Loaves and Fishes: Serving Our Unhoused Neighbors Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Meet in the church kitchen with Bill Barnes to make and then go out to serve lunches to our unhoused neighbors.

### \* All-Church Retreat at Mount Hermon Friday-Sunday, August 23-25

Registration is open! Find out all the details on the \* Registrations page.

#### **Coming Up**

5/12 - Fellowship Lunch

- \* 5/18 B.Y.O.B. New Moms Meetup, 9:00 -11:00 am
- \* 5/19 Prospective Community Group Leader Meeting, 12:00 pm
- \* 5/20 Women Reading Women, 7:00-9:00 pm

\* Register and see details for events marked by an asterisk by using the Church Center app or this QR code:





Sunday, April 28, 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:30 am

# Gathering

## Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

#### Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, How I trust Him, How I've proved Him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh for grace to trust Him more!

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me, 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Doxology - Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus - Words: Louisa M.R. Stead; Music: William J. Kirkpatrick Arr. Meliza San Jose

# Call to Worship - Psalm 84

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; **my heart and my flesh cry out** 

for the living God.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in You.

## Christ Is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame.
We fix our eyes upon the cross,
And run to Him who showed great love,
And bled for us; freely You've bled for us.

#### Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death. Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave! Christ is risen from the dead; we are one with Him again. Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down,
In strength You reign; forever let Your church proclaim:

#### Bridge

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
The glory of God has defeated the night!

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
Our God is not dead, He's alive, He's alive!

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# O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me. I see His wounds: His hands, His feet; My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears, They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb, The entrance sealed by heavy stone; Messiah still, and all alone.

#### Chorus

O praise the name of the Lord our God, O praise His name forevermore! For endless days we will sing Your praise, O Lord, O Lord our God.

Then on the third, at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again! O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King!

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He shall return in robes of white; The blazing sun shall pierce the night, And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

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# Baptism & Membership

Candidate for Baptism & Membership: Aland Sinjari

Let us confess our faith from the Apostle's Creed.

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, dead, and buried. He descended to the dead. On 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Questions for the Candidate

Question for the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to offer your strong support to Aland by word and deed, and with love and prayer, encourage them to know and follow Christ as they seek to be faithful members of His church? **We do.** 

# Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

\*Children are dismissed at this time.

# Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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# The Lord's Word

### New Testament Lesson

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

2 Cor 8:1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you-see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. 10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. 13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. 14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, 15 as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

9:12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

\*Please be seated

## Teaching

**Series:** The Risen Lord and His Resurrection People

Sermon: A Sharing, Generous Church

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Ong

# The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface (Prayer of Praise)

(Sung)

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!

## He Took, Blessed, and Broke

Words of Institution

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast.** 

And now as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### He Gave

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

# Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use Every power as You choose.

#### Choru

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Your feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874 Music: Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio, 2003

# Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Let us offer our thanks to God, and ourselves to His service. Almighty God, we marvel at the gift of Your Son, Jesus. We are astonished at Your power in raising Him from the dead. We are amazed at Your love in exalting Him to Your right hand. We pray that You receive our gifts now as symbols of our love, of our participation in salvation through Your Son, and of our readiness to commit these resources to Your work in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, Your Son, and our Lord. Amen.

## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

#### Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

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