Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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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 6 - May 6

Sunday	1 Cor. 6	Thursday	1 Cor. 10
Monday	1 Cor. 7	Friday	1 Cor. 11
uesday	1 Cor. 8	Saturday	1 Cor. 12
Vednesday	1 Cor. 9		

Fellowship Lunch - Today!

Come on up to the Community Hall after worship to get to know some Christ Church brothers and sisters as we gather over a free lunch catered by The Table.

* The Fullness of Philosophy - Today! Sundays, 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 Jesus Christ.

* B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Baby) New Moms Meetup Next Saturday, May 18, 9:00 -11:00 am, Infant/Toddler Room

Moms who had babies in 2023 or are expecting in 2024 are welcome! Bring your baby and take some time to connect with other moms over breakfast goodies. For more information, reach out to Kathryn Lopez (kathryn@christchurcheastbay.org).

* Community Group - Prospective Leader Meeting Next Sunday, May 19, 12:00 pm, Upper Room

Have you ever dreamed about leading or hosting a Community Group, but weren't sure where to start? If you would like to find out what it takes to lead or host, meet in the Upper Room after service on Sunday, May 19. Contact Pastor Jonathan if you have questions: jonathan@christchurcheastbay.org.

* Women Reading Women Book Group Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of conversing and connecting with your Christ Church sisters. For May we're reading *The Worlds I See: Curiosity, Exploration, and Discovery at the Dawn of AI* by Fei-Fei Li. All women welcome, whether or not you've finished the book, whether you come once or monthly. Learn more on the * Events page or email Maria Francis (maria@christchurcheastbay.org).

Coming Up

6/2 - Youth Membership Installation (during worship service)

6/2 - Fellowship Lunch, 12:00 pm

6/2 - Belonging Class (for membership and baptism), 12:00 pm

6/8 - Loaves and Fishes, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

6/12 - * 2nd Wednesday Praise & Prayer 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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



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Sunday, May 12, 2024 Ascension Sunday **10:30 am**

Gathering

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing. Help us to praise,

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword. Our prayer attend,

Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy words success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Choru

All glory be to the Father All glory be to the Son All glory be to the Spirit The Blessed three in One.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear. And in this glad hour,

Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be. Hence evermore,

Thy Sov'reign majesty, may we in glory see, And to eternity, love and adore.

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Call to Worship - Psalm 113

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, you His servants; praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? Praise the Lord.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Choru

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars, in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son; I believe in the risen One. I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

Chorus

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives. Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends, Because He lives!

I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame. I heard Mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away.

Bridge

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, every fear is gone! I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

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Confession & Prayer

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Let us together confess our sins against God and neighbor: Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when You came to redeem us, You humbled Yourself and made Yourself nothing. Though You were rich, for our sakes You

became poor, so that through Your poverty we might become rich. We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes. Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of Your Spirit so that we become more like You and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Silence is kept for private confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God:

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. (Hebrews 1:3)

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

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

*Children are dismissed at this time.

We Sing Glory (Gloria Patri)

Glory to You our heavenly Father, And to the Son, our Savior and King. We lift up Your name, most Holy Spirit, Forever let Your people sing. Now and forever Your church will sing:

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Glory to You from the first to the last, Unto the ages and ages, Amen. Alpha, Omega, now and forever, World without end, Amen, Amen.

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The Lord's Word

New Testament Lesson

A reading from the first letter of Peter

1 Pet 1:1-5 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have

been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1:23-25 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For,

"All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever."

5:12-14 With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

*Please be seated

Teaching

Series: Elect Exiles Sermon: Our Birth: Cosmic Preacher: Rev. Jonathan St. Clair

The Lord's Supper

Confession of Faith

Let us confess our faith from 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

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)

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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.

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Invitation

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer; There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: "All is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus;
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Let us offer our thanks to God, and ourselves to His service. Almighty God, who in power raised Your Son Jesus from the dead to new life, and seated Him at Your right hand in glory, receive our gifts now as symbols of our readiness to do Your kingdom work here on earth. May the saving and healing work of Your Son Jesus, the risen and exalted Christ, be known throughout our neighborhoods and cities. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation, I turned to heaven, And spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

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