



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, November 11, 2018

“...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ...”



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The gray boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.*

*We encourage parents to involve children as soon as possible in the worship service. In consideration of other worshippers, we request parents with children not yet ready for unobtrusive participation in worship to utilize the nursery or, if necessary, the cry room. A nursery is available for children ages 3 months to 3 years during all Sunday morning activities.*

*\* Indicates congregational standing*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*In this call to worship the psalmist reminds us that God has revealed His salvation and His righteousness to the nations unto the ends of the earth, as the book of Acts demonstrates, thus calling all the earth to praise Him! This praise is in anticipation of His judgment of the world, which will usher in the establishment of His righteousness in His creation forever.*

Psalm 98 <sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.
- 2 The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together
- 9 before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We remind ourselves as we sing this marvelous hymn of who is in charge of this world, and who must inevitably win the battle in which we are engaged.*

“This Is My Father’s World” (Trinity Hymnal #92)

## We Acknowledge Our Sin

### \* Reading from the Law

*We have examined this passage as our Reading from the Law before, and it is noteworthy that the focus of its exhortation is to listen to God’s Word rather than occult sources of wisdom, which, interestingly enough, God’s people were (and, surprisingly, are still) consistently tempted to consult.*

Isaiah 8:16-22 ESV

<sup>16</sup> Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. <sup>17</sup> I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. <sup>18</sup> Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. <sup>19</sup> And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup> To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. <sup>21</sup> They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. <sup>22</sup> And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*The context of the psalmist's (and our) prayer for mercy and forgiveness is the constant pressure of the accusation of his enemy.*

Responsive Reading, Psalm 143; Trinity Hymnal pp. 837, 838

## We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The crowning achievement of the work of Christ on our behalf is that He has triumphed over the Devil and his forces, the enemies of our souls (“rulers and authorities”) by disarming them, thus putting them to open shame. Satan is a defeated foe.*

Colossians 2:8-15 ESV

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

\* Hymn of Assurance

*Our souls often grow weary from the battle we wage for them against Satan and His accusations and temptations. But to call God a “refuge” should recall to our minds the cities of refuge in Old Testament Israel, to where those guilty of bloodshed could flee and be safe from execution, an apt picture of Christ, who is our true refuge, and in whom we can find true rest.*

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul, On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,  
For every pain I feel
2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace,  
Be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace,  
Attends the mourner’s prayer  
Oh may I ever find access,  
To breathe my sorrows there
4. Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet,  
Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet.

## We Pray for Each Other

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### Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

# We hear instruction from the Lord

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## Sermon

“A Halloween Meditation” [Part II] (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Acts 19:11-20 ESV

<sup>11</sup> And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. <sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup> But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” <sup>16</sup> And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup> And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. <sup>18</sup> Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. <sup>19</sup> And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. <sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!



## W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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Communion Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 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. (\*or universal)

## Distribution of Elements

*Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer wine and encourage those who take part in Communion to take this. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer the option of grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles of the trays.*

“Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven” (Trinity Hymnal #67)

## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*The early believers were willing to part with riches associated with Satan's kingdom in order to follow Christ. We too should be willing to part with some of our treasure, even that which is not in itself evil, in demonstrating our commitment to Christ and to His kingdom.*

Acts 19:19 ESV

And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

### Presentation of Offerings

See Communion

\* Doxology (Trinity Hymnal #731)

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

### Prayer of Dedication

## We ReSpond to the Word

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*We close our worship today with the same hymn with which we opened it two Sundays ago, when we celebrated the fact that Christ is stronger than Satan, and is all we need to triumph over him.*

\*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Trinity Hymnal #572)

Benediction

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# SERMON NOTES

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November 11, 2018

“A Halloween Meditation” [Part II] (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 19:11-20

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Introduction:

*What can we learn from this passage about Kingdom warfare?*

- I. Kingdom warfare must be *approached as essentially spiritual*, vv. 11, 12.
  - A. God is spiritual.

- B. The enemy is spiritual.

- II. Kingdom warfare must be waged *through faith*, vv. 13-17.
  - A. It is not magical.

- B. It is worshipful.

- III. Kingdom warfare must be *committed to God's power*, vv. 18-20.
  - A. Renouncing the power of magic.

B. Embracing the power of the Word.

# ~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: