



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 6, 2022

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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## — ORDER OF WORSHIP —

*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 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.*

*\* Indicates congregational standing*

# WE APPROACH THE LORD

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## Call to Worship

*This exchange, from the scene in Revelation 5, begins when the angel speaks to John, who has been weeping because no one in heaven or on earth could be found to open the scroll (representing the New Covenant) and its seals, thus ratifying and securing its blessings for God's people. But Christ, who is both the Lion and the Lamb, has accomplished this victory, which is why we praise God today!*

### Revelation 5 <sup>ESV</sup>

**Leader:** Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals.

**Congregation:** Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power, and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

**All:** To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

**Leader:** Amen!

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*We begin our praise with a hymn celebrating the enthronement of Christ, which is the basis of our rule and inheritance as His people.*

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Trinity Hymnal #295)

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*The will of God for us, as it was for Israel, is that the Law of God be on our minds constantly. Praise God that we, unlike them, have the Holy Spirit in our hearts to impress that Law upon them.*

### Deuteronomy 6:4–9 <sup>ESV</sup>

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*Our confession today highlights our desire to be relieved from the weariness caused by the bondage and tyranny of sin.*

### Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

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

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

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

Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet,  
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## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Christ, as we shall see in today's sermon, has delivered us from the tyranny of the devil by His comprehensive work on behalf of those who trust in Him.*

#### Hebrews 2:14–15 <sup>ESV</sup>

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

#### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We return to this hymn today because of its particular relevance to today's sermon passage. It could be the Hymn of the Month. We'll see....*

"Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder"

(Trinity Hymnal #172)

## *WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER*

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### **Prayers of Intercession**

*During this time, the elders will be in the back of the room, ready to take personal prayer requests from and pray with all who want this. These will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.*

## *WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD*

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### **Sermon**

(Mike Biggs)

### **"How Christ Liberates Us"**

\* Galatians 4:1–20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

## *WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD*

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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 and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.*

**"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"** (Trinity Hymnal #456)

## *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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### Offering Meditation

*Giving "under compulsion" would be an expression of the kind of bondage from which Christ came to liberate us. We give freely, out of the joy and gratitude that the gospel of freedom has produced in us.*

### **2 Corinthians 9:7** ESV

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

**"God Is Known Among His People"** (Trinity Hymnal #66, verses 1 & 4)

### **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 today's worship by affirming the foundation of our salvation and our faith: "...in Christ alone."*

## "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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## Benediction



# SERMON NOTES

November 6, 2022

"How Christ Liberates Us"

(Mike Biggs)

Galatians 4:1–20

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Introduction:

*In what ways does Christ free us from bondage through the gospel?*

I. *Christ secures for us the covenant promises of God, vv. 1-7.*

A. The management of the Law.

B. The redemption of Christ.

II. Christ *delivers to us freedom from Satan*, vv. 8-11.

A. The tyranny of the Devil.

B. The redemption of the Law.

III. Christ *produces in us the joy of the gospel*, vv. 12-20.

A. The pride of legalism.

B. The joy of salvation.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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# VISION

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**Purpose** (our reason for existence): to reverse the effects of rebellion against God (sin)

**Mission** (what we are called to do): to build the Kingdom of God, by...

- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**CoreValues** (our fundamental commitments):

1. *Knowing* truth from God (Scripture)
2. *Being* right with God (Justification)
3. *Living* life for God (Sanctification)

**Goals** (what we seek to accomplish):

1. *Worship*—People experiencing and being attracted to and trained in the enjoyment of God
2. *Fellowship*—People displaying and enjoying genuinely loving and giving relationships/Christian community
3. *Christian Education*—People being confronted with and oriented to the whole truth of God
4. *Outreach*—People being drawn to the Church and trained to draw others
5. *Mercy*—People caring about and meeting the material needs of both non-Christians and other Christians



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