



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, February 19, 2023

"...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

*In this psalm God is praised for and appealed to on the basis of...His **faithfulness**, which is nothing but His unswerving commitment to His Word and promises, or to put it another way, to His **truth**.*

### Psalm 89:1, 5–8 *ESV*

<sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, [leader]  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

<sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,

<sup>7</sup> a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around him?

<sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts,  
who is mighty as you are, O LORD,  
with your faithfulness all around you?

<sup>1</sup> *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;* [people]  
*with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise God for His commitment to His Word and His adherence to His own character in integrity, since He is Truth.*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #32)

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*Two or more witnesses are required by God's law to execute someone, not only because of the possibility that one might be dishonest, but also because of the lack of comprehensive perspective a sole witness possesses. This brings to light the sinfulness of such sins as gossip, and all such testimony that lacks certainty due to this human deficiency.*

## Deuteronomy 17:2–6 <sup>ESV</sup>

If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing his covenant, <sup>3</sup> and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden, <sup>4</sup> and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, <sup>5</sup> then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil thing, and you shall stone that man or woman to death with stones. <sup>6</sup> On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*We confess all of our sin, including "our secret sins and misdeeds dark," as in honesty we appeal to God for forgiveness in this adaptation of Psalm 143, penned by Martin Luther.*

### "From Depths of Woe"

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee?(Who shall stand before Thee?)  
O who shall stand before Thee?(Who shall stand before Thee?)
2. To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy(Live alone by mercy)  
And live alone by mercy(Live alone by mercy)

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
 And not in mine own merit;  
 On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
 Upholds my fainting spirit;  
 His promised mercy is my fort,  
 My comfort and my sweet support;  
 I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)  
 I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)
4. What though I wait the live-long night,  
 And 'til the dawn appeareth,  
 My heart still trusteth in His might;  
 It doubteth not nor feareth;  
 Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
 Ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
 And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth)  
 And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth)
5. Though great our sins and sore our woes  
 His grace much more aboundeth;  
 His helping love no limit knows,  
 Our upmost need it soundeth.  
 Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
 Who will at last His Israel free  
 From all their sin and sorrow(All their sin and sorrow)  
 From all their sin and sorrow(All their sin and sorrow)

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## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The witness of all the faithful who have gone before us and are in heaven now confirms the propriety of our faith in the salvation of God now, since it has been consummated by Christ Jesus.*

### Hebrews 12:1–2 <sup>ESV</sup>

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before

him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

\* **Hymn of Assurance**

*We respond to our reception of God's salvation with the prayer that God might give us more and more light, that we might better understand His purposes and will for us, and serve Him faithfully, until that Day to which we look forward, when we shall know even as we are fully known (1 Corinthians 13:12).*

**"Light of Light, Enlighten Me"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #397)*

***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)*

**"The Duty of Contention" Part 5 continued**

\* 2 Corinthians 10:3–5

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.*

**"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #415)*

# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*Our giving must be motivated by love, first to God, and second to others, or it is worthless and less than nothing.*

### **I Corinthians 13:3** ESV

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

**"My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #648)*

**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 with this inspiring marching song which calls us to battle as God's ambassadors, making war with the weapons which have divine power to destroy strongholds and every argument that sets itself against the knowledge of God.*

**"Onward, Christian Soldiers"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #572)*

**Benediction**



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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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