



# CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, April 17, 2016

“...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.*

### *We Approach the Lord*

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Prelude

Call to Worship

*We are called to worship the God who has created a state of affairs in His world in which those who pursue righteousness*

*prosper. Although there are temporary exceptions in God's providence within the confines of this life, ultimately, that is eternally, this is absolutely and always true.*

Psalm 112 ESV

- 1 Praise the Lord!  
Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,  
    who greatly delights in his commandments!  
2 His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
    the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
3 Wealth and riches are in his house,  
    and his righteousness endures forever.  
4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
    he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.  
5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
    who conducts his affairs with justice.  
6 For the righteous will never be moved;  
    he will be remembered forever.  
7 He is not afraid of bad news;  
    his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.  
8 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,  
    until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.  
9 He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;  
    his righteousness endures forever;  
    his horn is exalted in honor.  
10 The wicked man sees it and is angry;  
    he gnashes his teeth and melts away;  
    the desire of the wicked will perish!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

*We express our praise to Christ our King, who leads us in battle  
against our spiritual enemies, and who cannot be defeated!*

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” (Trinity Hymnal #572)

## Reading from the Law

*This passage underscores how important living and functioning according to truth, especially in the dispensation of justice, must be for the society of God's people. Note the pains prescribed to be taken to avoid falsehood, and the severity of punishment for those who perpetrate it.*

### Deuteronomy 19:15-21 ESV

<sup>15</sup>“A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. <sup>16</sup>If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, <sup>17</sup>then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. <sup>18</sup>The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, <sup>19</sup>then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. <sup>20</sup>And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. <sup>21</sup>Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*In this adaptation of Psalm 51, among other things, we pray that God would “make our spirits right and true,” reflecting David’s acknowledgement that God desires “truth in the inner parts.”*

### “God, Be Merciful to Me”

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the  
snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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## We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*A life conformed to the truth is obligatory and now possible since we have been regenerated (“put off the ‘old man’ and put on the ‘new man’”) and given new life in Christ through his work. We have already been “created after the likeness of God” and are “being renewed after... [His] image.” This is the gospel.*

Ephesians 4:20-25; Colossians 3:9-10 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ!—<sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of Its creator.

## Hymn of Assurance

*This song beautifully expresses that truth meets richly with mercy, righteousness, and peace, in the person of Jesus, and as we are united to Him, these virtues are established in us, and we are complete, lacking nothing as we stand before God in Him.*

### Jesus, the Lord, My Savior

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God;  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;  
And I His grace record.
2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,  
And there it dwells for me;  
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills  
With treasures rich and free.
- CH: Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In Whom I stand complete.*
3. As through the wilderness I roam,  
His mercies I'll proclaim;  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.
4. "Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,  
"For He for me was slain;"  
And me with all the heavenly throng  
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

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## 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

“The New People’s Life, Part VII-A: The Gospel Armor I”

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 6:14, 15 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

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, (*\*or universal*)  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



## 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.*

### “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

1. Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God
2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God
3. Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God
4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is

Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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#### “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

1. On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

*CH: I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.*

4. When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father’s face,  
And in His bosom rest? (*Chorus*)

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## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*The “life that is truly life” is one which adopts the perspective of eternity concerning everything in it, especially the use of the wealth and resources which God has given.*

1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV

<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

### 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 exhort each other as we leave today to “put on the gospel armor.”*

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” (Trinity Hymnal #571)

### 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)

Core Values (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

***How can you be a part of all this?***

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# SERMON NOTES

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April 17, 2016

“The New People’s Life, Part VII-A: The Gospel Armor I”  
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 6:14, 15

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Introduction:

*What is the meaning of putting on the first three pieces of “the armor of God”?*

I. We must commit ourselves to truth, v. 14a.

A. Knowledge of truth.

B. Conformity to truth.

C. Propagation of truth.

II. We must identify with righteousness, v. 14b.

A. Objectively.

B. Subjectively.

III. We must prepare ourselves with the gospel of peace, v. 15.

A. Prepared by covering.

B. Prepared for mission.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: