



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, June 23, 2019

“...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 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*

# We Approach the Lord

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## Prelude

## Call to Worship

*We are called not only to give thanks to God, but to proclaim out loud to others that He is good, we whom He has redeemed from every part of mankind, and so to every part. We begin by obeying this command in public worship.*

## Psalm 107:1-3 ESV

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## \* Hymn of Praise

*We thank God for His providential care and protection as we follow our callings and our calling in this life.*

“Now Thank We All Our God” (Trinity Hymnal #98)

\* Reading from the Law

*Just as Israel was not to be intimidated by the apparent power and stability of the nations whose land God was giving to them as their inheritance, so Christians must not be intimidated into silence and obscurity by the threats of the world as they inherit the Kingdom through the proclamation of God's Word, the heart of which is the Gospel.*

Deuteronomy 7:17-24 ESV

<sup>17</sup> "If you say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?' <sup>18</sup> you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, <sup>19</sup> the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the Lord your God brought you out. So will the Lord your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. <sup>20</sup> Moreover, the Lord your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed. <sup>21</sup> You shall not be in dread of them, for the Lord your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. <sup>22</sup> The Lord your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. <sup>23</sup> But the Lord your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. <sup>24</sup> And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*The understood assumption in this psalm is that we need the Lord's correction (often through others) and preservation to deal with the sin that is in our hearts. Our prayer is not only that God will deliver us from our sin, but also that He will lead us to the righteousness that will both preserve us from disaster and prevail over our and God's enemies.*

Responsive Reading, Psalm 141; Trinity Hymnal pp. 836-837

## We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Persecution for Jesus's sake is one of the signs of faith in Him, the faith which is the means to righteousness and membership in God's kingdom and its rewards.*

Matthew 5:10-12 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

\* Hymn of Assurance

*It is all that is involved with being united to Christ that gives us confidence in this world.*

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

1. Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.
- CH: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*  
*Arise, my soul, arise.*  
*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*  
*Arise, my soul, arise.*  
*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*
2. He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
3. Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”
4. The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood,  
The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.
5. My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

## 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 in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with the words, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.*

## We heAr inStruction from the Lord

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### Sermon

"The Context of Witness" (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Acts 25:13-27 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus. <sup>14</sup> And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a man left prisoner by Felix, <sup>15</sup> and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews laid out their case against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation against him. <sup>16</sup> I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face and had opportunity to make his defense concerning the charge laid against him. <sup>17</sup> So when they came together here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought. <sup>18</sup> When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed. <sup>19</sup> Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. <sup>20</sup> Being at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there regarding them. <sup>21</sup> But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of the emperor, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar." <sup>22</sup> Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," said he, "you will hear him." <sup>23</sup> So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and

they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. <sup>24</sup> And Festus said, "King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. <sup>25</sup> But I found that he had done nothing deserving death. And as he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to go ahead and send him. <sup>26</sup> But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write. <sup>27</sup> For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to indicate the charges against him."

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.*

“O Lord Most High, with All My Heart” (Trinity Hymnal #48)

“Amazing Grace”

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

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# We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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## Offering Meditation

*Public offerings result in thanksgiving to God because those who offer them are displaying the grace of God at work in their lives. This is one reason they are a part of our corporate worship.*

### II Corinthians 9:12-14 ESV

<sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

## 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 sing Christ for the world, not only here today, but hopefully always, every day, as we “sing” of the Christ who can save the world to whoever will listen.*

\* “Christ for the World We Sing” (Trinity Hymnal #447)

**Benediction**