

# CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 17, 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

*Reliance upon the Lord, "our refuge and our strength," is celebrated in this call to worship Him.*

### **Psalm 135** ESV

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise the name of the LORD,  
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
- 2 who stand in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God!
- 3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
- 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,  
Israel as his own possession.
- 5 For I know that the LORD is great,  
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.
- 7 He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,  
who makes lightnings for the rain  
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.
- 8 He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
both of man and of beast;
- 9 who in your midst, O Egypt,  
sent signs and wonders  
against Pharaoh and all his servants;
- 10 who struck down many nations  
and killed mighty kings,
- 11 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, king of Bashan,  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan,
- 12 and gave their land as a heritage,  
a heritage to his people Israel.
- 13 Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
- 14 For the LORD will vindicate his people

and have compassion on his servants.

<sup>15</sup> The idols of the nations are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.

<sup>16</sup> They have mouths, but do not speak;  
they have eyes, but do not see;

<sup>17</sup> they have ears, but do not hear,  
nor is there any breath in their mouths.

<sup>18</sup> Those who make them become like them,  
so do all who trust in them.

<sup>19</sup> O house of Israel, bless the LORD!  
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!

<sup>20</sup> O house of Levi, bless the LORD!  
You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!

<sup>21</sup> Blessed be the LORD from Zion,  
he who dwells in Jerusalem!

Praise the LORD!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise the **ascended** Christ in this opening hymn.*

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

*(Trinity Hymnal #289)*

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*Idolatry is bound up with enthrallment ("love") with the things of this world rather than in God, who alone can give fulfillment and meaning to life.*

### **Deuteronomy 7:25, 26** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>25</sup> The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. <sup>26</sup> And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

## I John 2:15–17 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*We acknowledge our need for God in the predicament which all sinners face: pursuit by those too strong for him. Ultimately, this includes sin and death, and the One who holds the power of death, the Devil.*

Responsive reading, Psalm 142

(Trinity Hymnal p. 837)

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The salvation proclaimed in the gospel includes our being seated in the heavenly realms with Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God.*

## Ephesians 2:4–7 <sup>ESV</sup>

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*We celebrate the redemption accomplished by the ascension of Christ, and praise Him for His victory which is displayed through it.*

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

(Trinity Hymnal #290)

## *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)

"Flesh versus Spirit" Part 3

\* Galatians 3:1-5

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.*

**"By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #695)*

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

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### Offering Meditation

*Offerings in worship are a declaration of our focus upon things above, as opposed to clinging to things below.*

### **Matthew 6:19–24** ESV

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,<sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,<sup>23</sup> but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

**"I've Found the Pearl of Greatest Price!"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #696)*

**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 depart today with a prayer that the mind of Christ might inform and be displayed in every aspect of our lives.*

**"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #644)*

**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...

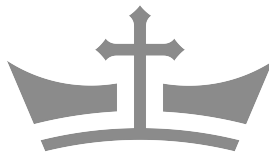
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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