



# CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, August 14, 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

*Notice that in our call to worship today the rationales for praising God are both that He has worked salvation throughout the earth and that He will judge the world in righteousness. It is the fact of His wonderful, mighty salvation acts that these two complementary truths can be reconciled and rejoiced in equally by His people.*

Psalm 98 <sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.
- 2 The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together
- 9 before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We focus our praise to God on the riches of His mercy and grace to His people throughout history.*

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (Trinity Hymnal #76)

## W e A c k n o w L e d g e O u r S i n

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### \* Reading from the Law

*It is confidence in the pardoning grace of God that encourages us both to acknowledge and to forsake our sin. Notice also that there is an admonition here that indicates that the offer of God’s mercy has a time limit. Persistent rebellion invites God’s eventual fearful judgment.*

Isaiah 55:6, 7 <sup>ESV</sup>

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*Notice that there is in this confession of sin both a reliance upon the mercy of God flowing from the acknowledgment of need and a confidence in the psalmists basic attitude of devotion and covenant faithfulness, which gives him (and us!) hope.*

Responsive Reading, Psalm 86; Trinity Hymnal pp. 814-815

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*We can either try to cover our sin ourselves (by denying it) or confess our sins, thus trusting in the covering that God provides.*

1 John 1:8, 9 <sup>ESV</sup>

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*As our sermon text for today indicates (v. 7), God is a refuge (a “hiding place”) for those who trust in Him in their brokenness, neediness, and sin. Thus He, and only He, is the answer to the weariness and sorrow that come to us because of our sin. Tell him about that today and express your gratitude to the Lover of your soul.*

#### “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

1. 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
2. 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

3. 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
4. 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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With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet.

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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.)

Sermon

“A Sinner’s Walk with a Loving Father” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Psalm 32 ESV

1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah  
5 I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah  
6 Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.  
7 You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah  
8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.  
10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.  
11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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.*



“I Asked the Lord”

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know  
And seek more earnestly His face
2. Twas He who taught me thus to pray  
And He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair
3. I hoped that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins and give me rest
4. Instead of this He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell  
Assault my soul in every part
5. Yea more with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Cast out my feelings, laid me low
6. Lord why is this, I trembling cried  
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
“Tis in this way” The Lord replied  
“I answer prayer for grace and faith”
7. “These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me,  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me.”

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“How Blest Is He Whose Trespass” (Trinity Hymnal #551)

Offering Meditation

*Part of our response of obedience to God's grace is the presentation of our offerings to Him in formal, public worship.*

Psalm 116:12-14 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

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 celebrate as we close God's gracious relationship with and provision for sinners such as we.*

\* "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners"

1. Jesus! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*CH: Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Hallelujah! What a friend!*

*Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.*

2. Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins.

3. Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

4. Jesus! I do now receive Him,

More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

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**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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“A Sinner’s Walk with a Loving Father” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Psalm 32

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Introduction:

*How does a healthy covenant relationship with God deal with remaining sin?*

I. A healthy covenant relationship has *trust in the grace of God*, vv. 1-7.

A. The issue of covering.

B. The issue of urgency.

II. A healthy covenant relationship has *submission to the guidance of God*,  
vv. 8, 9.

A. God's promise.

B. God's frustration.

III. A healthy covenant relationship has *confidence in the justice of God*,  
v. 10, 11.

A. The challenge to confidence.

B. The delight of confidence.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: