



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, October 7, 2018

“...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.*

*\* Indicates congregational standing*

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### We Approach the Lord

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Prelude

Call to Worship

*This call to worship gives as reasons for the worship of God two facts about Him that are relevant to the theme of our service today: His sovereignty and His compassionate attention to the prayers of His people.*

Psalm 99 <sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!
- 4 The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.  
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- 9 Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\* Hymn of Praise

*We begin our praise of God this morning with a hymn that encourages and inspires us as we remember God's invincible power coupled with His unwavering commitment to those who have taken up His cause.*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Trinity Hymnal #92)

\* Reading from the Law

*The application of these words to God's ancient people for today's Christians in our era within redemptive history, who are called to "take the land" as well, is in part that we are not to be intimidated by those in the world who are in opposition to God, but instead, like ancient Israel, to remember that God is with us in our midst and will give success to us if we respond to His promises with faithful obedience.*

Deuteronomy 7:6-21 ESV

<sup>6</sup>“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup>and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. <sup>11</sup>You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. <sup>12</sup>“And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. <sup>13</sup>He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>14</sup>You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock. <sup>15</sup>And the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. <sup>16</sup>And you shall consume all the peoples that the Lord your

God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you. <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.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*We appeal in this psalm not only for forgiveness but deliverance from those who oppose God and therefore us, declaring our intention to be faithful to our covenant with Him that we might receive His blessings.*

Responsive Reading, Psalm 143; Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*This passage, a summary of the gospel, sets forth several aspects of it that are relevant to today's service, including the impotence of Satan's opposition to God (“...the ruler of the kingdom of the air...”) and the enthronement of God's people in union with Christ (“...seated us with Him in the heavenly realms...”).*

Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our

flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</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. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

\* Hymn of Assurance

*This wonderful hymn encourages us by reminding us of the sovereign grace of God and of that which is both its fruit and its means: our faithful prayers.*

“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,  
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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## 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

“Consolation from Corinth” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Acts 18:1-17 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, <sup>3</sup> and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup> And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” <sup>7</sup> And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” <sup>11</sup> And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. <sup>12</sup> But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, <sup>13</sup> saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.” <sup>14</sup> But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. <sup>15</sup> But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.” <sup>16</sup> And he drove them from the tribunal. <sup>17</sup> And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

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.*

“LORD of Hosts” Psalm 46

1. God is our refuge and strength, A helper most present in need.  
Therefore we will not fear, Not even though earth starts to shake!  
Even though mountains move into the heart,  
To the heart of the seas, and its waters roar:  
They will roar! and they will foam!  
Mountains quake at its swelling pride.
2. There is a river whose streams Bring joy to the city of God,  
A sanctified dwelling place Of he who is high above all!  
God remains in her midst; she won't be moved.  
God will give help to her when the morning dawns:  
Nations roar! The kingdoms move!  
Earth dissolves as he sends his voice!

CH: The LORD of hosts, the LORD is right here with us!  
Our fortress, our fortress Jacob's God!

3. Come and behold all the works  
the LORD has done, how he has brought  
Desolations on earth.  
To the end of earth he makes wars cease,  
Breaks the bow, cracks the spear, and with a fire  
Burns the chariots. "Be still! Know that I am God!  
I'll be exalted above the nations!  
I'll be exalted over all the earth!"

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### "My Maker and My King"

1. My Maker and my King,  
To Thee my all I owe;  
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring  
Whence all my blessings flow;  
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring  
Whence all my blessings flow.
4. O! Let Thy grace inspire  
My soul with strength divine;  
Let every word and each desire  
And all my days be Thine.  
Let every word and each desire  
And all my days be Thine.

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## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*The allusion in this passage is to God's provision and support for Paul in His ministry through the Philippians, which made them partners in that ministry of the gospel. Our gifts today represent the same thing: a partnership with each other in the gospel as we labor together as the Church in the Great Commission to make disciples.*

### Philippians 3:1-6 ESV

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

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 our worship today by both reflecting on the wonder of God's electing grace to us, and praying that this same grace might be extended to more and more as God calls the nations to Himself through the ministry of his Church, including ours..*

\* "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (Trinity Hymnal #469)

Benediction

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# SERMON NOTES

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October 7, 2018

“Consolation from Corinth” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 18:1-17

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Introduction:

*As Christians in mission, what encouragement can we draw from this passage?*

- I. We should be encouraged by the *provision of God's support*, vv. 1-4.
  - A. Providential activity.

- B. Responsible availability.

- II. We should be encouraged by the *indications of God's commitment*, vv. 5-11.
  - A. Promise.

- B. Predestination.

- III. We should be encouraged by the *inevitability of God's triumph*, vv. 12-17.
  - A. The use of force through civil authority.

- B. The use of force through violence.

# ~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: