



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 14, 2024

"...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

*We participate in God's call to worship Him by proclaiming and meditating on the joy and blessing of coming into His presence.*

### Psalm 84

*Leader: Let us worship God as we approach His dwelling place!*

*[Responsive reading of Psalm 84 from Trinity Hymnal, p. 814]*

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*As we worship Christ, we celebrate the fullness of salvation which only Jesus can bring, and anticipate that final and complete rest which He will bestow on all who trust in Him.*

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

(Trinity Hymnal #159)

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*Everything about these instructions about altars and worship is rooted in the affirmation that God alone saves, apart from anything we do or can contribute.*

### Exodus 20:22–26 <sup>ESV</sup>

And the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. <sup>23</sup>You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. <sup>24</sup>An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. <sup>25</sup>If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it. <sup>26</sup>And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.'"

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*In this classic expression of repentance and faith, we look to God not only for forgiveness, but for the grace of a new heart and right spirit, so that we might enjoy the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:11).*

**Responsive reading, Psalm 51**

*(Trinity Hymnal p. 804)*

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Salvation can be summarized as entering into God's rest, in which we rest from our strivings and toil and depend upon the perfect work of Christ in and through us to deliver us from sin's penalty and misery.*

#### **Hebrews 4:9–16** ESV

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*We affirm our intention to rest in Jesus, acknowledging all the blessings which such rest imparts, and turning from our striving and toil to Him in faith.*

"Jesus, I Am Resting Resting"

(Trinity Hymnal #188)

## *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, and 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

(Mike Biggs)

"The Jesus You Can Know (XVI)—'The One Who Gives Rest'"

\* Matthew 11:20–30

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.*

## "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one lay down, Your head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn and sad;  
I found in Him my resting place, And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank From that life-giving stream  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy days be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk 'Til pilgrim days are done.

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# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*Our excelling in grace is the product of Christ's grace to us, but it requires that we apply it deliberately.*

## **2 Corinthians 8:7–9** ESV

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

<sup>8</sup> I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #529)*

**Presentation of Offerings**

*(See Communion)*

**\* Doxology**

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

**Prayer of Dedication**

# *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We close today's worship with a declaration of the necessity and sufficiency of Jesus for us as sinners, and a prayer that He would give us grace to live in accordance with all that He is to us.*

**"Thou Art the Way"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #154)*

**Benediction**

# — SERMON NOTES —

January 14, 2024

"The Jesus You Can Know (XVI)—'The One Who Gives Rest'"

(Mike Biggs)

Matthew 11:20–30

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Introduction:

*What does the concept of rest teach us about Jesus?*

I. The concept of rest teaches what Jesus does as Savior:

A. The nature of sin.

B. The centrality of peace.



II. The concept of rest teaches us who Jesus is as Savior.

A. The “gentle” One.

B. The “lowly” One.

III. The concept of rest teaches us how Jesus works as Lord.

A. The paradox of grace.

B. The exclusivity of love.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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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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