



# CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, January 5, 2020

"...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.*

*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

*This psalm provides a thematic basis for today's service. We will be returning to various verses within it during elements of the service. For now, notice the call in the last verse of the psalm.*

### Psalm 32 <sup>ESV</sup>

*A Maskil of David.*

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah
- <sup>5</sup> 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
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah
- <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*God's truth is the basis of any legitimate confidence that we have and the thing which holds everything else together in our lives, truths which we proclaim in praise of the One who is the Truth as we sing this hymn.*

"Forever Settled in the Heavens"

(Trinity Hymnal #59)

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*This verse, in a psalm celebrating the atonement God provides apart from our works (cf. Romans 4:6-8), also includes the other side of the coin: the role of obedience and its relationship to the grace of forgiveness with respect to our covenant relationship to God.*

### Psalm 32:9<sup>ESV</sup>

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.

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*Again, the hopeful emphasis in this confession is on what God has done to deliver the sinner and an appeal for mercy. But also present is the desire, borne of repentance, for God to guide and to teach by His truth the way to actual righteousness and obedience, which are essential to a healthy relationship with God.*

**Responsive Reading, Psalm 143** (Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838)

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Once again we see the wonderful truth of God's gracious forgiveness of us in our helplessness.*

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Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We celebrate the confident assurance produced by the understanding that it is God's work, not ours, which makes us right in His sight.*

**"Blessed Assurance"**

(Trinity Hymnal #693)

## *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

"Leveraging our Position"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* **Ephesians 6:14-15** ESV

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

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 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.*

### "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior; hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is  
found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.



# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*As we have seen before, part of the proper response to God's grace to us is the offering of gifts to Him in the context of formal worship, as this psalm illustrates.*

### **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.

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

(Trinity Hymnal #432)

## 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 our service today with our marching song being to adopt the cross, which is the basis of our atonement, in our subsequent response as we follow our Lord's example in sacrificial service to God and others, thus blending the objective benefits of the cross with its subjective application to our lives.*

### **\* "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"**

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.
  
2. Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.
  
3. Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear:  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer:  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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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)

**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

***How can you be a part of all this?***



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