



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, November 24, 2019

“...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 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 calls us to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord, because He reigns and will bring all evil into judgment, deliver the righteous, and glorify Himself in the process. This joy requires faith, because He does this in His own time and in His own way.*

### **Psalm 97** <sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- <sup>4</sup> His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- <sup>7</sup> All worshipers of images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in worthless idols;  
worship him, all you gods!
- <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> O you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*Because God rules, He is able to do good to His people despite any obstacles and in any situation, and we proclaim our faith in this reality and our dependence upon Him over any other rivals for our faith in this great hymn.*

#### “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

1. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes,  
Nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning,  
And his purposes shall end.
2. Happy is the man that chooses  
Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blest whose hope of blessing  
On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heaven and earth the Lord created,  
Seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression,  
Righteousness He will maintain.
3. Food He daily gives the hungry,  
Sets the mourning prisoner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish,  
Makes the sightless eyes to see,  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,  
And the stranger He befriends,  
Helps the fatherless and widow,  
Judgment on the wicked sends.

4. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever,  
Through all ages He is King;  
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion,  
Joyful hallelujahs sing.

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## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*This passage commands us to focus on the adequacy of God rather than our own resources in doing the things God requires of us in order to take hold of the blessings He has promised. Focus is everything.*

### **Deuteronomy 7:17-24** <sup>ESV</sup>

<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. <sup>22</sup> The Lord your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. <sup>23</sup> But the Lord your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. <sup>24</sup> And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*In confessing our sin, as we did last week, we acknowledge our sinful pride, the pride that insists on knowing at all times what God is doing before we trust Him, and pray for grace to become "like a little child," in accordance with our Lord Jesus' teaching (Luke 9:46-48).*

Corporate Confession: Almighty Father, Who by your will and for your glory formed us and everything else in all creation, Who upholds all things by the power of your Word, and Who has graciously and lovingly preserved your people and provided for our needs, we confess our constant failure to trust You and rely upon your goodness. Instead of leaning wholly upon You, we have thought and acted upon the meager understanding afforded by our limited human perspectives. Rather than acknowledging You in all our ways, we have forgotten You and turned to our own way, the way that seems right unto a man, but leads to death. We have sinned against You constantly by presuming to own ourselves and our ways, in violation of your holy command to trust You with all of our hearts. With renewed faith, we cast ourselves upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. In abject sorrow we confess our unbelief, and in heartfelt and sincere repentance ask You for the grace of faith, wrought by your Holy Spirit, which You have promised to give your people Israel. Write your law on our hearts, that we may adopt your heart and mind, and evermore walk in the light, as You are in the light, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The heart of biblical and covenantal faith is to set our minds on Jesus and His glorious victory, leading us to expect that victory to be fully worked out in our complete redemption.*

#### **Colossians 3:1-4** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

#### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We can quiet our souls when we feel guilty because of the same reality that comforts us in trials and suffering: that God is on our side (cf. Romans 8:31-39).*

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** (Trinity Hymnal #32)

## *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

**“Fiducia Omnia Vincit”** (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* **Exodus 6** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> But the Lord said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.” <sup>2</sup> God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the Lord. <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them. <sup>4</sup> I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. <sup>5</sup> Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup> Say therefore to the people of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.” <sup>9</sup> Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery. <sup>10</sup> So the Lord said to Moses, <sup>11</sup> “Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.” <sup>12</sup> But Moses said to the Lord, “Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?” <sup>13</sup> But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup> These are the heads of their fathers' houses: the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the clans of Reuben. <sup>15</sup> The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the clans of Simeon. <sup>16</sup> These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari, the years of the life of Levi being 137 years. <sup>17</sup> The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, by their clans. <sup>18</sup> The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, the years of the life of Kohath being 133 years. <sup>19</sup> The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the



Levites according to their generations. <sup>20</sup> Amram took as his wife Jochebed his father's sister, and she bore him Aaron and Moses, the years of the life of Amram being 137 years. <sup>21</sup> The sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri. <sup>22</sup> The sons of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri. <sup>23</sup> Aaron took as his wife Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab and the sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. <sup>24</sup> The sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are the clans of the Korahites. <sup>25</sup> Eleazar, Aaron's son, took as his wife one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites by their clans. <sup>26</sup> These are the Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said: "Bring out the people of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts." <sup>27</sup> It was they who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the people of Israel from Egypt, this Moses and this Aaron. <sup>28</sup> On the day when the Lord spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, <sup>29</sup> the Lord said to Moses, "I am the Lord; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." <sup>30</sup> But Moses said to the Lord, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to me?"

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.*

**“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”** (Trinity Hymnal #299)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*It took faith in the promises of God, the reality of which could not be seen with any eye but the eye of faith, for the wise men to offer such expensive gifts to a babe in a manger. Thus do we, as we give our offerings to God, express our confidence that that to which we contribute is nothing less than the kingdom of God, a kingdom both present and to come, now and not yet.*

### **Matthew 2:11** <sup>ESV</sup>

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

### 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 with a celebration of something else that we see only with the eye of faith, the complete and utter victory of God in Jesus Christ, who has already been crowned and is now ruling, subduing all His enemies under His feet (1 Corinthians 15:25) and ours (Romans 16:20), whether we recognize it or not.*

\* **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** (Trinity Hymnal #295)

**Benediction**