



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 19, 2021

"...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 worship the God whose steadfast love endures forever.*

### **Psalm 100** <sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*We join the angels in worshiping the One "born to save the sons of men.*

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*(Trinity Hymnal #218)*

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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#### \* Reading from the Law

*Crucial to accomplishing the task of living faithfully to God is the responsibility to **remember**.*

**Deuteronomy 8** <sup>ESV</sup>

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*In this hymn we ask for the only One who can heal our sin to come and do it, echoing the longing of God's people throughout the ages.*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*(Trinity Hymnal #194)*

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The body of Christ enabled Him to offer the once for all sacrifice for sins that alone could truly take them away.*

### Hebrews 10:4–14<sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time

until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

**\* Hymn of Assurance**

*As you sing this wonderful hymn, allow yourself to trace the comfort of the gospel, the Christmas message that gives hope to the despondent and courage to the weak, all the way to its glorious consummation.*

**"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #200)*

## *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 will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.*

## *WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD*

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**Sermon**

*(Mike Biggs)*

**"Advent's Hope for the Helpless"**

**\* Psalm 40**

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 Waited for the Lord Most High"

(Trinity Hymnal #622)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*The Lord delights in hearts that wish to please Him more than in offerings for their own sake.*

**I Samuel 15:22** <sup>ESV</sup>

And Samuel said,

"Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,

as in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,

and to listen than the fat of rams."

"I Waited for the Lord Most High"

(Trinity Hymnal #622)

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 today reflecting on the wonder of the identity of the babe who is the only hope and refuge for mankind in a dark world.*

"What Child Is This"

(Trinity Hymnal #213)

**Benediction**

———— **SERMON NOTES** ————  
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"Advent's Hope for the Helpless"

Psalm 40

(Mike Biggs)

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Introduction:

*What does this Advent psalm teach us about how to deal with our troubles?*

I. We must remind ourselves of God's faithfulness.

A. David's method.

B. Our tendency.



II. We must convince ourselves of God's kindness.

A. Coming clean.

B. Trusting God.

III. We must avail ourselves of God's grace.

A. Our dependence.

B. Christ's provision.

**— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —**

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: