



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 28, 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 are called to celebrate the glory of God in its many manifestations in the company of His people, which are themselves one of its manifestations.*

### Psalm 111

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- 8 they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*In the singing of this hymn, we exult in the glory of God with all the company of those whom He has drawn to Himself: apostles and prophets, angels, martyrs, and saints in heaven and throughout the world.*

"Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #19)

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*Loving God is inseparable from sharing in the oneness of His being, the fellowship in which Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...and we...participate.*

### Deuteronomy 6:4,5 <sup>ESV</sup>

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*We ask, in essence, in this appeal for forgiveness and grace, that God would remind us of His love, and enable us to live in the light of it, returning it to Him.*

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God's testimony is that we who have believed in Jesus have eternal life. Nothing is more sure than the testimony of God Himself.*

### I John 5:9–12 <sup>ESV</sup>

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*As we sing this beautiful hymn of assurance, we experience the union and communion with Christ which in it we proclaim is all we want, and that which alone can truly satisfy us.*

### "Jesus, Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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,  
Till life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

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.

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.

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.

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## *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 (XVII)—'The Passion of Jesus (Part 2)'"**

\* John 17

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.*

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

(Trinity Hymnal #647)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*We give without reservation to God, in part because of His promise that we cannot give more to God than He has given and will give to us who love Him.*

### Luke 18:28–30 <sup>ESV</sup>

And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you."

<sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #33)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

\* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We leave today proclaiming and exulting in the love of Jesus our Savior, in whom we are complete.*

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Trinity Hymnal #184)

Benediction



# — SERMON NOTES —

January 28, 2024

"The Jesus You Can Know (XVII)—'The Passion of Jesus (Part 2)'"

(Mike Biggs)

John 17

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Introduction:

*What does Jesus care about?*

I. Jesus cares about *God's glory* (and so must we).

A. The essence of glory.

B. The manifestation of glory.

II. Jesus cares about *God's people* (and so must we).

A. Preservation.

B. Joy.

C. Holiness.

III. Jesus cares about *God's love* (and so must we).

A. Union/communion.

B. Testimony.

C. Likeness,

D. Fellowship.

E. Knowledge.

# — 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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