



# CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, January 3, 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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## Prelude

### Call to Worship

This call to worship highlights several characteristics of the Lord that are integral to our sermon today.

### Psalm 111 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! [Leader]

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. [People]  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD, [Leader]  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;

<sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; [All]  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!**

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise God both for His justice and for the refuge He is to all who turn to Him in faith.*

"O Lord, Most High, with All My Heart"

(Trinity Hymnal #48)

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*Here God reveals His name, the qualities in terms of which He wants His people to think of and know Him, not only to Moses, but through Moses to His people. This knowledge imposes upon us obligations to think of Him in these terms, and to appreciate what His character means for all those who would bear His name, and for their relationship to Him.*

### **Exodus 33:17–34:9** ESV

And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

**34** The LORD said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of

stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.<sup>2</sup> Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain."<sup>4</sup> So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone.<sup>5</sup> The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.<sup>6</sup> The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,<sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."<sup>8</sup> And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.<sup>9</sup> And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

## Silent Confession of Sin Corporate Confession of Sin

*This confession, to which we turn from time to time, contains the essence of the Name God revealed to Moses on the mountain, and confesses our failure to live in the light of it, yet appealing to its truth as the hope of our forgiveness.*

**O Most merciful Father, Who gives life to everything that breathes and Whose eyes are too pure to gaze upon iniquity, we lay before You our sin and uncleanness in utter shame and humiliation. In direct defiance of our continuing debt to live unto You, acknowledge You, serve You and obey You, we have turned**

into ourselves and to our own way, pursuing our own ends as if we could create our own meaning, so rendering ourselves liable to Your just wrath and the penalty of death. We despise our ways, but confess that we are utterly powerless to change them or to please You truly to any degree. But we remember that You have declared Yourself to be the gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. We thus cast ourselves upon Your mercy, believing Your precious promise that those who come to You You will in no wise cast out. We know and trust that, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, You will not only forgive both our sins and our sin, but also grant us power like unto that by which You raised Him from the dead to walk in newness of life, not for the sake of any merit which we obtain thereby, but solely for the glory of the Name which is above every name, in which we offer this our prayer. Amen.

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God's deliverance of His people from the sin to which they were enslaved is total, because His power is as dominant over His and our enemies as the sin was over us. This is a large part of our hope, and it is solely in God and not in ourselves or our power or adequacy.*

### Romans 6:1–14 <sup>ESV</sup>

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we

shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We rejoice in the certain hope (assurance!) that God's promise of full salvation in Christ gives to us.*

**"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**

**"Through Judgment to Pardon" Part II**

(Mike Biggs)

\* Micah 7

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.*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #32)

## WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

### Offering Meditation

*Both our gifts and the love for God which inspires them are the result of His profound and astounding love for us, demonstrated in His redemption of us from our sin.*

I John 4:19 <sup>ESV</sup>

"We love because he first loved us."

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #32)

### 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 doing the same thing that Micah does:  
bursting in our hearts with wonder and adoration at the God who  
inspires us to ask, "Who is a God like you!"*

**"Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #172)*

**Benediction**

# — SERMON NOTES —

January 3, 2021

"Through Judgment to Pardon" Part II  
Micah 7

(Mike Biggs)

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Introduction:

*How must God's true people live in an environment of sin and judgment/discipline?*

I. God's people must *endure* the *hardship* that *addresses* sin, vv. 1-7.

A. Our experience of hardship.

B. Our posture in hardship.

II. God's people must *embrace* the *hope* that *defeats* sin, vv. 8-17.

A. Armor against our enemies.

B. Multiplication of our numbers.

C. Deliverance through our Shepherd.

III. God's people must *enjoy* the *God* who *pardons* sin, vv. 18-20.

A. The wonder of God's character.

B. The power of God's forgiveness.

C. The fidelity of God's Word.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: