



# CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, March 1, 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 call to worship focuses on two characteristics of God relevant to His covenant with us: righteousness and faithfulness.*

### **Psalm 33:1-5** ESV

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.
- <sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- <sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*This hymn is a beautiful expression of the covenant love that God reveals in His Word is both the obligation and the privilege of all of His people.*

**"O God Beyond All Praising"**

(Trinity Hymnal #660)

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*The most important and central obligation of God's covenant people is to love Him, from which all other obligations flow.*

### **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** ESV

<sup>4</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. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **Silent Confession of Sin Corporate Confession of Sin**

*As those who have been adopted into God's family, we confess our failure to fulfill our family obligations, borne of our covenant with Him.*

**Corporate Confession: Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind**

in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Our love for God flows from His prior love, which is the basis for our confidence in Him, as we respond to that love with the same kind of love for Him and each other.*

#### **1 John 4:9-19** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

<sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*We exhort each other to the love and other aspects of response which are required by God's saving acts through Christ on behalf of His people.*

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

(Trinity Hymnal #172)

## *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

"Passover, Part II: It's about Covenant" Continued (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Exodus 12

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.*

**"Blessed Is the Man"**

(Trinity Hymnal #564)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*It is God's will that we excel in the grace of giving that springs from our awareness of God's covenant love for us.*

### **2 Corinthians 8:7** <sup>ESV</sup>

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #648)

**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 today with an opportunity to reflect on the matchless and profound love of God in Christ for us, and to express our gratitude to, love for, and adoration of our King.*

\* "My Song is Love Unknown"

(Trinity Hymnal #182)

**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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