



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, March 21, 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

We are called not only to sing praises to God but also to proclaim His deeds among “the peoples” (the nations of the whole world).

### Psalm 9:1 | ESV

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!  
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*This hymn simultaneously proclaims the glory of the Church and praises the God who is the source of the blessings which flow to and through it.*

**"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

(Trinity Hymnal #345)

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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#### \* Reading from the Law

*The imperative in this passage is implied, and perhaps hidden, were not the rest of God's revelation in subsequent redemptive history and the New Testament so clear. Simeon and Levi forfeited the preeminence among the tribes of Israel which would have passed from Reuben, the firstborn, to them (see verses 2 & 3) because of their cruel execution of the men of Shechem, and the failure that constituted to fulfill something that was a responsibility even at that stage of the covenant people: to be witnesses to and embodiments of the nature and character of the God of the covenant, the God of Israel, the one true God.*

## Genesis 49:5–12 <sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>5</sup> "Simeon and Levi are brothers;  
    weapons of violence are their swords.
- <sup>6</sup> Let my soul come not into their council;  
    O my glory, be not joined to their company.  
For in their anger they killed men,  
    and in their willfulness they hamstringed oxen.
- <sup>7</sup> Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce,  
    and their wrath, for it is cruel!  
I will divide them in Jacob  
    and scatter them in Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> "Judah, your brothers shall praise you;  
    your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;  
    your father's sons shall bow down before you.
- <sup>9</sup> Judah is a lion's cub;  
    from the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
He stooped down; he crouched as a lion  
    and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?
- <sup>10</sup> The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
    nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,  
    until tribute comes to him;  
    and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
- <sup>11</sup> Binding his foal to the vine  
    and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,  
    he has washed his garments in wine  
    and his vesture in the blood of grapes.
- <sup>12</sup> His eyes are darker than wine,  
    and his teeth whiter than milk. I Praise the LORD!

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*This confession centers on the self-centeredness which results in failure to bear witness to Christ and the gospel to those who are in their sin and need to hear.*

Compassionate and Gracious God, Who in the person of Your Son emptied yourself of all Your divine prerogatives for our sakes and gave to the uttermost, we humbly beseech your forgiveness for the narcissism and self-centeredness which we constantly display in the living of our lives: forgetting you, neglecting others and their needs, considering only our interests, needs, and desires. We have truly every one of us turned to our own way from time to time, wandering like lost sheep. But oh our Savior, we despise these our ways and appeal to Your infinite grace, that you would not only forgive these our sins, casting them into the depths of the sea and remembering them no more, but also that you would work in us that true obedience from the heart that both pleases you and blesses Your people, by the power of Your Spirit, in the name of Your precious Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The healing of the nations and the blessings of eternity are mediated through the tree of life (ultimately Jesus Christ) and the River of Life (ultimately the Holy Spirit), both of which are mediated to the world through the Church (cf. John 4:10-15; 7:37-39; Haggai 2:1-9).

### Revelation 22:1-4 <sup>ESV</sup>

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb<sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its

fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

**\* Hymn of Assurance**

*Jesus is the only answer for the misery which sin produces, and a friend to all those who look to Him in their experience of it in its various forms.*

**"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #498)*

## ***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**

**"Orientation to Covenant IV: Salt and Light"**

*(Mike Biggs)*

\* Exodus 15:22–27

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.*

**"Rock of Ages"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #499)*

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

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### Offering Meditation

*This prophecy is partially fulfilled as we, the peoples of the nations, present offerings in worship of the God of Israel, especially in terms of our status as the true and fulfilled Temple of God.*

### **Haggai 2:7–9** <sup>ESV</sup>

And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup>The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup>The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.

**"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #368)*

### **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 depart today reminding each other of our high calling to bring healing to the world through the proclamation of the gospel to all nations.*

**"O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #444)*

### Benediction



# — SERMON NOTES —

March 21, 2021

"Orientation to Covenant IV: Salt and Light"

Exodus 15:22–27

(Mike Biggs)

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Introduction:

*What must God's covenant people understand to fulfill their role in relation to the world?*

I. We must understand the *source* of the world's *misery*, vv. 22-24.

A. The essential goodness of creation.

B. The bitterness of creation.

II. We must understand the *mechanism* of the world's *healing*,  
vv. 25, 26.

A. The counter-intuitiveness of faith.

B. The role of God's law.

III. We must understand the *responsibility* of the world's *physicians*, v. 27.

A. Our identity.

B. The world's health.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: