



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, March 27, 2016

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*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 gray 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.*

### *We Approach the Lord*

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Prelude

Call to Worship

*This psalm is a testimony of the resurrected life of a believer. In response to this testimony, it calls us to praise God. Listen to it carefully. Do you have a similar testimony?*

Psalm 116<sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- 5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;
- 9 I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.
- 10 I believed, even when I spoke:  
“I am greatly afflicted”;
- 11 I said in my alarm,  
“All mankind are liars.”
- 12 What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.
- 15 Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints.
- 16 O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.
- 18 I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,

19 in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

*There is no way to sing this song sincerely without joyously almost shouting it. Take to heart its words, and if you have a true faith in Christ, let it lead you to a high that is greater than any drug could possibly give.*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (Trinity Hymnal #277)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

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Reading from the Law

*Touching a dead body rendered a person ceremonially unclean, because God, the author of life, and the One whom to know is life, cannot be associated with death, which is ultimately separation from God. It thus meant that the person was symbolically dead. The waters of cleansing, to be administered twice, prefigured the First Resurrection of Christ on the third day and the final resurrection of all who belong to Him at the Last Day. This ceremonial law is applied today through our faith in the resurrection of Christ, who cleanses and resurrects us from both spiritual and physical death.*

Numbers 19:11-13 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>11</sup> “Whoever touches the dead body of any person shall be unclean seven days. <sup>12</sup> He shall cleanse himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day, and so be clean. But if he does not cleanse himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not become clean. <sup>13</sup> Whoever touches a dead person, the body of anyone who has died, and does not cleanse himself, defiles the tabernacle of the Lord, and that person shall be cut off from Israel; because the water for impurity was not thrown on him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is still on him.

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*We confess that we deserve death but ask God in His mercy to give us life and all that goes with it in this confession.*

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

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*These verses, from what is commonly known as the Resurrection Chapter in the Bible, proclaim and celebrate both the First Resurrection, that of Christ, and that of those who belong to Him.*

I Corinthians 15:3, 4, 20-26, 50-58 <sup>ESV</sup>

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

<sup>50</sup> I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

#### Hymn of Assurance

*Because Jesus rose from the grave, and because He is our Savior, our bondage to death has been broken, as this hymn beautifully proclaims. Sing it with the joy it merits.*

“Up from the Grave He Arose” (Trinity Hymnal #276)

## We PrAy for eAch Other

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### Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

## We heAr inStruction from the Lord

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### Sermon

“A Living Hope” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

1 Peter 1:3-5; Romans 1:1-6; Romans 6:1-11; Romans 8:9-11, 18-25 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>1</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>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we await for it with patience.

## *W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d*

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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.*

### “Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding”

1. Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding!  
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;  
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding;  
Who its breadth or length can tell?  
On its glories,  
Let my soul for ever dwell.
2. What from Christ that soul can sever,  
Bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him for ever;  
Thus the eternal covenant stands.  
None shall take Thee  
From the Strength of Israel's hands.

3. Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus,  
Long ere time its race begun;  
To His name eternal praises;  
O what wonders love has done!  
One with Jesus,  
By eternal union one.
4. On such love, my soul, still ponder,  
Love so great, so rich, so free;  
Say, while lost in holy wonder,  
Why, O Lord, such love to me?  
Hallelujah!  
Grace shall reign

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*Hallelujah!*  
*Grace shall reign eternally.*

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### “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore;
- CH: Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice; rejoice,  
Again I say, rejoice!*
3. His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules over earth and heaven,  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given;

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## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*As we have seen many times, the proper response to God's deliverance of us from death is the presentation of offerings to Him in the context of public, formal worship.*

Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>12</sup>What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>17</sup>I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

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 celebrate in our final hymn today the accomplishment of  
victory over death and corruption, and pray for the development of  
its application and its final consummation.*

“The Day of Resurrection!” (Trinity Hymnal #267)

Benediction



II. The resurrection of Jesus gives us hope for the achievement of a new life, Romans 6:1-14.

A. Union with Christ.

B. Power for life.

III. The resurrection of Jesus gives us hope for the redemption of our bodies, Romans 8:9-11, 18-25.

A. The pains of childbirth.

B. The freedom of the children.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: