



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 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 praise the Lord because of his right hand. This is a metaphor for his power to act upon all that he has created. We can sing and be joyful because of the steadfast love of the Lord and the great salvation that his love and power has brought to us as his people.*

### Psalm 98<sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!
- <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together
- <sup>9</sup> before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*We enter into worship singing this song of the great victory and love of Christ. We praise the Lord for his grace, salvation, mercy, and justice which calls us to wonder at his marvelous works.*

## "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*In the sermon we will see that there is no place in which we can flee from the Lord. This may be a troubling truth at first when we understand our sin, but this reading from the Law shows that God rescues his people from the uttermost as they repent: trusting in the Lord in their heart, hating their sin more and more, and walking in the way of righteousness.*

### Deuteronomy 30:1–10 ESV

"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you,<sup>2</sup> and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul,<sup>3</sup> then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.<sup>4</sup> If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you.<sup>5</sup> And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.<sup>6</sup> And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.<sup>7</sup> And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you.<sup>8</sup> And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today.<sup>9</sup> The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers,<sup>10</sup> when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*With the psalmist we acknowledge that none of us measure up to the standard of righteousness. The enemies—the world, the flesh, and the devil—pursue us and crush us. We need mercy, and we plead for it here in this psalm.*

**Responsive reading, Psalm 143**

*(Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838)*

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Repentance is the mark of the Christian. The beauty of repentance is that we have a God and Savior who forgives us and restores us. So, repent, believe, and rest in the blessings of Christ!*

**2 Chronicles 7:14** <sup>ESV</sup>

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We join together in acknowledging our sin but focus on the second half of this song, which proclaims hope and forgiveness to those who trust in God and His provision for sin, Jesus Christ.*

## "From Depths of Woe"

*From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee?(Who shall stand before Thee?)* x2

*To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy(Live alone by mercy)* x2

*Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)* x2

*What though I wait the live-long night,  
And til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus, O ye of Israels seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
And wait til God appeareth(Wait til God appeareth)* x2

*Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow(All their sin and sorrow)* x2

# *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**

(JR Biggs)

**"Infinite and Increasing Intimacy"**

\* Psalm 139

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.*

"Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear"

(Trinity Hymnal #404)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*Adopting the character of Christ means, in part, imitating His giving spirit and concentration on the Kingdom and its work. What do the poor need the most? It is the gospel of Christ which transforms lives.*

### **Matthew 19:21** ESV

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor; and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

\* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We close today's worship singing the same psalm on which the sermon focused. We owe everything to the Lord because of his sovereign power in our lives to bring us to himself. So, we can sing with conviction, "Lead me, if in sin I stray, to choose the everlasting way!"*

### **"All That I Am I Owe To Thee"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #37)*

*[To the tune of Hymn #662, As the Hart Longs]*

### **Benediction**

# SERMON NOTES

April 28, 2024

"Infinite and Increasing Intimacy"

(JR Biggs)

Psalm 139

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Introduction:

*"How does the nature of God's intimacy with us impact our intimacy with him?"*

I. God's intimacy with us is infinite, vv. 1–18.

A. Infinite in Knowledge.

B. Infinite in Presence.

## C. Infinite in Love

II. Our intimacy with God is increasing, vv. 17–24.

A. Increasing in Comfort.

B. Increasing in Hatred.

C. Increasing in Vulnerability.

# — 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...

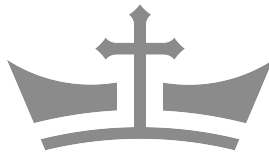
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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