



# CHRIST — THE KING —

The Lord's Day, April 7, 2019

“...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 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

*God's people are directed in these words to declare God's glory and tell of His salvation among the nations. This refers to both our public worship and our evangelism, and both are linked, as we worship God when we evangelize and our worship feeds our evangelism.*

## Psalm 107:1-3 ESV

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## \* Hymn of Praise

*The major theme in this great hymn of praise is the opposition God's people face from the Devil, and the means whereby they conquer him, which is Christ.*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Trinity Hymnal #92)

## We Acknowledge Our Sin

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### \* Reading from the Law

*It is tempting to respond to the slander of the world toward Christians with angry retaliation, when God's Word enjoins us rather to a recommitment to godly living, putting those who slander to shame and refuting their claims without a word by the obvious character of our lives. Is this the way we respond to the world's opposition, or is there all too often a grain (at least!) of truth in their characterizations?*

Deuteronomy 4:5-8; 1 Peter 2:12 ESV

<sup>5</sup> See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>6</sup> Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' <sup>7</sup> For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup> And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*In our confession, today we concentrate on our response to the world's opposition, hostility, and persecution, and our failure through it to witness to the reality of the God who is good even to those who hate Him, and whose kindness leads people to repentance.*

Corporate Confession: Lord of the Harvest, who has demonstrated your love for all mankind by calling people from every tongue, language, people, and nation to bear your Name, we confess that we have often taken that Name in vain, misrepresenting You before those who have among them people You desire to call to yourself through our witness. We have reacted to persecution with anger and malice rather than love, returning evil for evil, in direct disobedience to your command to be holy and to let our light shine to the world. We have focused more on our comfort and the resentment which the deprivation of it can generate, rather than on your purpose for the world and our mission to it. O Merciful Father, we despise our short-sighted and self-centered approach to life, and pray that You would not only forgive us, but also enable us to look beyond our meager vision for our lives to that noble role for which You have prepared and to which You have called us, that we might one day acknowledge your wisdom and our privilege in your making us the means whereby sinners come to You and are redeemed, to the praise of your glorious grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*This assurance passage, drawn from the verses immediately preceding part of today's law Scripture, points us to the basis upon which we build our ability to be holy, which is that God has definitively saved us and made us a holy people.*

1 Peter 2:9, 10 ESV

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

\* Hymn of Assurance

*This wonderful hymn of assurance allows us to sing in one verse of the formula for overcoming Satan's opposition: in the words of Revelation, we overcome him "by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony." This is our victory.*

"Before the Throne of God Above"

1. Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me

*My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin

*Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.*

3. Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!

*One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.*

## 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

“The Character of Gospel Opposition” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Acts 21:27-36 ESV

<sup>27</sup> When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, <sup>28</sup> crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” <sup>29</sup> For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. <sup>30</sup> Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. <sup>31</sup> And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. <sup>32</sup> He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. <sup>33</sup> Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done. <sup>34</sup> Some in the

crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. <sup>35</sup> And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd, <sup>36</sup> for the mob of the people followed, crying out, "Away with him!"

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.*

### “Hear my Cry” Psalm 61

1. Hear my cry O God; listen to my prayer.  
From the end of the earth, I call upon you there.  
When my heart grows faint, then unto you I cry:  
Lead me up to the rock that is higher than !!
2. For you have been a refuge unto me,  
You're a tower of strength against the enemy.  
O forever let me in your house abide;  
May your wings be where I can run and hide.
3. For you, O God, have heard my promises.  
With those who fear your name you give my heritage.  
Add unto the king's days more days yet again,  
And extend his years to all generations.
4. May he ever dwell before the face of God.  
With both faithfulness and love appointed to his guard.  
And to your name I will sing forevermore  
While I keep my vows all the days of my life.

from Highways in our Hearts, released May 28, 2015 Lead vocalist: Mandy Mann

## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*The grace of God in Christ is the motivation to live for Him in every way, the perfect mindset to bring as we present offerings to God in worship.*

II Corinthians 5:14, 15 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

### 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 go back into the world with a renewed commitment to follow our King into suffering, that we might also follow Him into glory.*

\* “Lead On, O King Eternal” (Trinity Hymnal #580)

### Benediction