



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, May 22, 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

*We are called to praise the Lord today because He is the one who, from His position of ultimate transcendence, stoops to bless the lowliest of human beings, and raise them up to remarkable dignity.*

### Psalm 113 <sup>ESV</sup>

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

4 The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!

5 Who is like the Lord our God,  
who is seated on high,

6 who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

9 He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the Lord!

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### Hymn of Praise

*Today we praise the Lord who richly blesses us with every good thing to enjoy, based upon His goodness and love for His creatures.*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Trinity Hymnal #53)

### Reading from the Law

*This is the first promise to Abraham in God's Covenant of Grace, the fountain of the gospel. God's promise to Abraham that He will make Him a great nation and through that means will make Him a blessing, is fulfilled in the Church, the fulfillment of that nation, who bless all people on earth through the propagation of the gospel. That promise that He and we will be a blessing is also a command, which we fulfill through proclaiming the gospel and living out its fruits.*

Genesis 12:1, 2 <sup>ESV</sup>

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*As we conclude our series in Ephesians today, it is appropriate that we use the quintessential confession of sin found in the Scripture, David's confession in Psalm 51, as our corporate confession today. Amazingly, this confession shows us that faithful acknowledgment of our sin and humble petition for forgiveness enables a bold expectation of and petition for blessing, which God promises to give.*

Responsive reading, Psalm 51; Trinity Hymnal p. 804

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God is faithful in the dispensation of His blessings, including forgiveness of sins, to those who confess them with faith in Jesus.*

1 John 1:9 ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Hymn of Assurance

*One of the most fundamental images of God's blessing in Scripture is that of rest. This is the opposite of the curse (Genesis 3:19), it is codified in the Sabbath, and it is what Jesus promises to give us (Matthew 11:28). Here we revel in what that rest involves as we sing of the blessedness of life in union with Christ.*

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

1. Jesus! I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
And Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by Thy transforming power,  
Thou hast made me whole.  
  
*CH: Jesus! I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.*
2. Oh, how great Thy loving kindness,  
Vaster, broader than the sea:  
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness,  
Lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,

Know Thy certainty of promise,  
And have made it mine.

3. Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
I behold Thee as Thou art,  
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless,  
Satisfies my heart,  
Satisfies its deepest longings,  
Meets, supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings,  
Thine is love indeed.
4. Ever lift Thy face upon me,  
As I work and wait for Thee;  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory,  
Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting,  
Fill me with Thy grace.

## 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

“The New People’s Life, Part X: The Heart of Heavenly Blessing”  
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 6:23, 24 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

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, (*\*or universal*)  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



## 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.*

### “How Sweet and Awful Is the Place”

1. How sweet and awful is the place  
With Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores.
2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues,  
“Lord, why was I a guest?”
3. “Why was I made to hear Thy voice,  
And enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice,  
And rather starve than come?”
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste,  
And perished in our sin.
5. Pity the nations, O our God,  
Constrain the earth to come;  
Send Thy victorious Word abroad,  
And bring the strangers home
6. We long to see Thy churches full,  
That all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul,  
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

## Offering Meditation

*The Philippians could be more forthcoming than those around them in giving to the cause of the gospel for which Paul was laboring, because they understood that God would supply all their needs, so they could have open hands. This should always be the posture of those who know the abundant blessing of God.*

### Philippians 4:15-19 ESV

<sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

## 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

*As we conclude our series in Ephesians with this worship service, we express our desire for God to be glorified, which we have learned in this book is the principal motivating factor for all of God's decrees and actions, and should be ours.*

"To God Be the Glory" (Trinity Hymnal #55)

**Benediction**

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# SERMON NOTES

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“The New People’s Life, Part X: The Heart of Heavenly Blessing”  
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 6:23, 24

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Introduction:

*How should we want God to bless other of God’s new people?*

I. We should want God to give Christians *peace*, v. 23a

A. Peace with God.

B. Peace with men.

II. We should want God to give Christians *faithful* love, v. 23b.

A. Love without faith.

B. Love with faith.

III. We should want God to give Christians *grace*, v. 24.

A. What Christians deserve.

B. What Christians need.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: