



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, May 10, 2020

"...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.*

*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

*We are called to worship God because, in the final analysis, HE IS GOOD. So let us sing and worship with vigor!*

### **Psalm 100** <sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*The theme of this psalm, delight in the City of God's dwelling, Jerusalem, the ultimate fulfillment and expression of which is the Church, is a fitting hymn of praise for the Sunday of our reunion and the resumption of our gathering together as the People of God.*

## "House of the Lord • Psalm 122"

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<sup>2</sup> Our feet were standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem, built as a city firmly bound as one,

<sup>4</sup> To which the tribes, the tribes of the LORD, go up —

A decree for Israel — to praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> For the thrones there for judgment sit: thrones for David's house!

CHORUS

<sup>6</sup> Pray now that peace may be upon Jerusalem!

May those who cherish you have full security.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls, safety in your towers.

<sup>8</sup> For my friends' and brothers' sake, I'll say, "Peace be in you."

<sup>9</sup> For the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good!

Chorus x2

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## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*Both faith in and fear of the Lord are expressed when we pray to Him and rely upon Him rather than relying on and appealing to anything else other than Him.*

**Isaiah 8:11–22** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying:

<sup>12</sup> "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and

do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. <sup>13</sup> But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. <sup>14</sup> And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup> And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken." <sup>16</sup> Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. <sup>17</sup> I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. <sup>18</sup> Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. <sup>19</sup> And when they say to you, "Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter," should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup> To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. <sup>21</sup> They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. <sup>22</sup> And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

## Silent Confession of Sin Corporate Confession of Sin

*Relying on God, expressed by passionate prayer, is the opposite of trying to create our own meaning and turning into ourselves.*

**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*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Included in God's provision for the inadequacy of our prayers is the assurance of His good will for us, originating from before we were ever created, and including His justification and ultimate glorification of us.*

### **Romans 8:26–30** ESV

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

\* Hymn of Assurance

*This hymn expresses both the intimacy of friendship we enjoy with our Savior and the enjoyment of it through prayer.*

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #629)

*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

"Enjoying God through Prayer"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Daniel 9

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.*

**"Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #634)*



# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*In this vision, we see, along with John, the offering of incense representing the prayers of the saints, rising before God, and resulting in His actions on earth, represented by fire from the altar being hurled down and earthquake. Prayer is an offering, as are our other worship offerings, which are an expression of our devotion to God and things which play a role in the economy of how He acts to effect His purposes on earth.*

### **Revelation 8:1–5** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. <sup>3</sup> And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, <sup>4</sup> and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

### **"Give Reviving"**

Father for Thy, promised blessing,  
Still we plead before Thy throne  
For the times of, sweet refreshing,  
Which can come from Thee alone  
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given,  
But in these we would not rest  
Blessings still with, Thee are hidden,  
Pour them forth and make us blest!

## 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 close our worship celebrating the intimacy we enjoy with Jesus,  
the Lover of our souls, who is both our refuge and our delight.*

### \* "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.

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## **Benediction**

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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)

**Core Values** (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

***How can you be a part of all this?***



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