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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.*

*\* Indicates congregational standing*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*One of the most common commands in the Bible with respect to our relationship to God is that we should “fear the Lord.” Part of the fear of the Lord, especially as it is commanded in this psalm, is not presuming upon His grace and taking seriously what He requires of us who are in covenant with Him as well as what He has committed to do for us.*

Psalm 111<sup>ESV</sup>

1 Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;

8 they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*Jesus has ascended to the throne of the universe, at God the Father's right hand. Thus we praise Him as our sovereign King, crowning Him in our hearts as we exhort one another to do the same.*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Trinity Hymnal #295)

## We Acknowledge Our Sin

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### \* Reading from the Law

*It is not only because God has created us, but also because he has redeemed us from slavery to our sin, that we should acknowledge Him to be our God, and have no other ultimate allegiance but that which we owe to Him. This is what true discipleship demands.*

Exodus 20:1-3 ESV

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*This adaptation of Psalm 51 models the proper posture for us in prayer, one that recognizes God's claims on us and our utter unworthiness, and yet appeals to God with a sense of His mercy and grace.*

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the  
snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God has saved us for a purpose: that we should do good works, which emulate and thus glorify Him. Being a disciple of Jesus recognizes both His grace and our resultant responsibility.*

Ephesians 2:4-10 ESV

<sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*When we have truly trusted in Christ and come to love Him, we obey His commands, not perfectly to be sure, but in such a way that we demonstrate our covenant commitment to Him, and accordingly experience His covenant blessings, in which we now revel as we sing.*

“Trust and Obey” (Trinity Hymnal #672)

### We prAy for eAch Other

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### Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

“Counting the Cost” (Tony Pyles)

\* Luke 14:25-35 ESV

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

Offering Meditation

*The offerings we bring to God in worship demonstrate either our recognition that He is our King, or our blatant disrespect for Him.*

Malachi 1:6-14 ESV

<sup>6</sup>“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ <sup>7</sup>By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the Lord’s table may be despised. <sup>8</sup>When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts. <sup>9</sup>And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the Lord of hosts. <sup>10</sup>Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. <sup>11</sup>For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>12</sup>But you profane it when you say that the Lord’s table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. <sup>13</sup>But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord. <sup>14</sup>Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

Presentation of Offerings

“All to Jesus I Surrender” (Trinity Hymnal #562)

\* 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 leave today singing a prayer that God would receive our lives in service to Him, as we consecrate them again to Him, having renewed our covenant with Him.*

\* “Take My Life, and Let It Be” (Trinity Hymnal #585)

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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# SERMON NOTES

June 18, 2017

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“Counting the Cost” (Tony Pyles)

Luke 14:25-35

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Introduction:

*What does Jesus teach here about the nature of discipleship?*

- I. Following Jesus comes at tremendous cost.
  - A. Interpersonal cost.

- B. Personal cost.

- II. Jesus calls us carefully to consider this cost.
  - A. To the unbeliever: Be clear about what you are considering.

B. To the believer: Do you understand what you have signed up for?

- III. The cost issues in a challenge.
  - A. The love Christ is unconditional.

B. The love of Christ is uncompromising.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: