



# CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, July 16, 2017

"...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.*

*\* Indicates congregational standing*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*We are called to praise God today for reasons that dovetail with Jonah's message to Ninevah: His mighty salvation, His making it known not only to us, but to all nations, and His righteous judgment of the world.*

Psalm 98<sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 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.
- 2 The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- 3 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.
- 4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together
- 9 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

*Our opening hymn is a recitation of psalm 98, which has just called us to worship. It is thus a fitting response to that call, especially in light of what we will see in Jonah today.*

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord” (Trinity Hymnal #16)

## We Acknowledge Our Sin

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### \* Reading from the Law

*Paul’s rehearsal of the manner of his and his companions’ communication of the gospel to the Thessalonians constitutes an example and thus a command to us to communicate the gospel in similar manner in our witness to the world.*

1 Thessalonians 2:3-5 ESV

<sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness.

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*It is appropriate today that we use this adaptation of Scripture’s classic expression of confession and repentance, Psalm 51, since what we will see today is a dramatic portrayal of what true repentance involves.*

“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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## We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God's declaration and promise to us is that He will meet true confession and repentance with forgiveness and cleansing, and that such a result is not only merciful but just, because of the work of Christ on our behalf.*

1 John 1:9 <sup>ESV</sup>

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

*We respond to the good news with a sung prayer that God will give us the humility that only a powerfully clear understanding of God's grace in the gospel can produce.*

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" (Trinity Hymnal #468)

## We prAy for eAch Other

### Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

“The Greatest Revival in History” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Jonah 3 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. <sup>6</sup> The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup> but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” <sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

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.*



### Offering Meditation

*The truth declared in this statement applies both to our giving to the Lord's work through our tithes and offerings, and to our proclamation of the Word of life to the world in evangelism and missions. Both are required, and God's promise is that faithful execution of each will be proportionately blessed.*

II Corinthians 9:6 ESV

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

### Presentation of Offerings

\* 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

*In this great hymn, sung to the tune of “Onward, Christian Soldiers,” we celebrate the inevitability of the triumph of God’s kingdom and of the mission of God’s Church, which will result in the visible recognition of His sovereignty universally.*

\*“Christ Shall Have Dominion” (Trinity Hymnal #439)

**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

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“The Greatest Revival in History” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Jonah 3

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Introduction:

*How should the revival at Ninevah affect the way we carry out our mission to the world?*

- I. The revival of Ninevah inclines us to confidence in our calling.
  - A. The responsibility of duty.

- B. The responsibility of discipline.

II. The revival at Ninevah inclines us to faithfulness in our message.

A. An unattractive message.

B. An unadorned message.

- III. The revival at Ninevah inclines us to wisdom in our assessments.
  - A. True conversion.

- B. Patient observation.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: