



# CHRIST - THE KING -

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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

*In this psalm the plan of God that all nations and peoples everywhere worship Him is proclaimed, and the method by which He achieves this: raising up the lowly to the lofty status of being His people, which makes them kings (cf. Matthew 5:5, etc.).*

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

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

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

<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,

<sup>6</sup> who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?

<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

<sup>8</sup> to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

<sup>9</sup> 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

*As we sing this hymn we worship Christ and celebrate the dominion over and praise from all nations that He will one day have through the work of the Church.*

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

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*Moses didn't build the tabernacle by himself, nor did the priests. God appointed contributions of various types from the people of Israel to accomplish it. In the same way, it takes all of God's people to build the fulfillment of the tabernacle Temple, which is the Church.*

**Exodus 25:1-9; 31:1-11** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. <sup>3</sup> And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>4</sup> blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, <sup>5</sup> tanned rams' skins, goatskins, acacia wood, <sup>6</sup> oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, <sup>7</sup> onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. <sup>8</sup> And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. <sup>9</sup> Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. <sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>3</sup> and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, <sup>4</sup> to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>5</sup> in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. <sup>6</sup> And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: <sup>7</sup> the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, <sup>8</sup> the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with

all its utensils, and the altar of incense,<sup>9</sup> and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand,<sup>10</sup> and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests,<sup>11</sup> and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do.”

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*In this prayer we confess, among other things, that we have wasted God's gifts, since we have often failed to use them to accomplish God's will, especially His Great Commission.*

**Corporate Confession:** Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Christ has reconciled all things to God through the cross, and we, like Paul, are ministers of this gospel.*

### **Colossians 1:19-23** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,<sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.<sup>21</sup> And you, who

once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,<sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,<sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

\* **Hymn of Assurance**

*Christ has already won the victory, so we praise Him as Lord of all and celebrate His glorious reign, which means blessing for all those who trust in Him.*

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”** (Trinity Hymnal #296)

***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.*

Sermon

“A Larger Perspective on the Great Commission” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* **Acts 28:11-31** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>11</sup> After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead. <sup>12</sup> Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. <sup>13</sup> And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. <sup>14</sup> There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. <sup>15</sup> And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. <sup>16</sup> And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him. <sup>17</sup> After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. <sup>18</sup> When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. <sup>19</sup> But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. <sup>20</sup> For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.” <sup>21</sup> And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. <sup>22</sup> But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.” <sup>23</sup> When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. <sup>24</sup> And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. <sup>25</sup> And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: <sup>26</sup> “Go to this people, and say, “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” <sup>27</sup> For this people’s heart has

grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.' <sup>28</sup> Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen." <sup>30</sup> He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, <sup>31</sup> proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

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.*

### **“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.



## *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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### Offering Meditation

*All God's people rejoiced, including David the king, when they contributed willingly and gladly to the building of the Temple. So should we all as we contribute to the building of the Church, Christ's body, the fulfillment of the Temple.*

### **I Chronicles 29:9** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

### 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 with the prayer that God will so transform us through our relationship with Him that we will be the conduit for the knowledge of Him to come to all peoples.*

### \* **"O God, to Us Show Mercy"** (Trinity Hymnal #437)

### 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?***