

# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 3, 2023

"...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.*

*\* Indicates congregational standing*

# WE APPROACH THE LORD

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## Call to Worship

*We repeat our confidence in the heart of God's covenant commitment to us, for which we praise Him today: his **steadfast love** (Hebrew "hesed").*

### Psalm 118:1–4 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; [Leader]  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."** [Congregation]

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say, [Leader]

**"His steadfast love endures forever."** [Congregation]

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the LORD say, [Leader]

**"His steadfast love endures forever."** [Congregation]

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*The same God who delivered and redeemed the ancient Israelites from bondage in Egypt has and is doing that for us as well, and He is to us, as to them, our eternal Home.*

"O God, our Help in Ages Past"

*(Trinity Hymnal #30)*

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*To be saved is to be near God, and to be near God means necessarily to be holy. This is not optional, but it is, contrary to the preconceived notion of many, also a source of delight and pleasure.*

### Leviticus 11:44, 45; 20:26 ESV

For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. <sup>45</sup> For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy,

for I am holy.”

<sup>20:26</sup> You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*The pursuit of holiness is sometimes viewed in a haughty, unattractive light, but our confession in this hymn is of the essence of true holiness: an acknowledgement of or sinful pride and a reliance upon God to make us different.*

### "Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

1. Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know

2. All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood

5. In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

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# WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*What God envisioned in Exodus 19 for His covenant people He has accomplished in Christ for the Church, a covenant people (who have been given citizenship in Israel, Ephesians 2:12, 19!).*

### **I Peter 2:9–12** ESV

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*In this beautiful adaptation of Psalm 23, we rejoice in the goodness, provision, and love of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd and King of Love.*

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Trinity Hymnal #184)

## WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

### 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, and 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

(Mike Biggs)

"Our 'Exodus' from Exodus—Summing Up"

\* Exodus 19:4–6

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 and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.*

**"Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night"** (Trinity Hymn. #503, RUF tune)

# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*Willing giving to the building of God's dwelling place, now the Church, always is a source of joy, even as it was for David and the people of Israel.*

### **I Chronicles 29:9** ESV

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.

**"Take My Life and Let It Be"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #585)*

**Presentation of Offerings**

*(See Communion)*

**\* Doxology**

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

**Prayer of Dedication**

# *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*As we leave today, we celebrate the work of Christ, in whom all the blessings and promises of salvation are realized in perfect harmony.*

## **"Jesus, the Lord, My Savior Is"**

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God;  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;  
And I His grace record.
  2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,  
And there it dwells for me;  
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills  
With treasures rich and free.
- CHORUS: Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In Whom I stand complete.
3. As through the wilderness I roam,  
His mercies I'll proclaim;  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.
  4. "Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,  
"For He for me was slain;"  
And me with all the heavenly throng  
Shall join, and say, "Amen." (Repeat chorus)  
(Repeat verse 1)

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## **Benediction**



# — SERMON NOTES —

September 3, 2023

"Our 'Exodus' from Exodus—Summing Up"

(Mike Biggs)

**Exodus 19:4–6**

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Introduction:

*What does Exodus teach us about salvation?*

I. What does Exodus teach us about salvation?

A. From toil—*Sabbath*.

B. From misery—*joy*.

II. Salvation is *accomplished* through covenant.

A. The necessity of mediation.

B. The role of law.

C. The centrality of faith.

III. Salvation is experienced as *fellowship*.

A. Knowing God.

B. Requiring holiness.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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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...

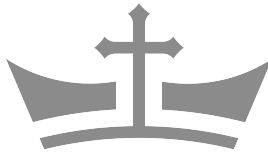
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**CoreValues** (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



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