



# CHRIST

## - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, September 6, 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.*

*The nursery is currently understaffed.*

*\* Indicates congregational standing*

## *WE APPROACH THE LORD*

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### Prelude

### Call to Worship

*We repeat this psalm as our call to worship, today noting that it mentions that God lifts the needy and makes them sit with princes, the very theme of our service today: that the path to blessing leads through suffering, and the path to glory is through humility, even sometimes humiliation.*

### **Psalm 113** ESV

1 Praise the LORD!

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

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the LORD is to be praised!

4 The LORD is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens!

5 Who is like the LORD our God,

who is seated on high,

6 who looks far down

on the heavens and the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes,

with the princes of his people.

9 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

*We praise God for the fact that He is our help in times of trouble, as He has always been as demonstrated by His record in history of faithful provision for His people, culminating in the work of Christ on our behalf.*

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(Trinity Hymnal #30)

## WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*God's way with His people has never changed; He allows them to experience hardships and trials so as to discipline them and to teach them that the trust that leads to obedience, even in the midst of challenging circumstances, always leads to ultimate blessing. God commands us here to know and understand this dynamic, and to live accordingly.*

### **Deuteronomy 8:1-6<sup>ESV</sup>**

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the

LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

**Silent Confession of Sin**  
**Corporate Confession of Sin**

*This appeal to God for mercy in spite of sin references deliverance from trials caused by enemies, and asks for grace to understand and follow the path of obedience, so silencing the accusations of enemies, the very thing exhorted in our passage for the past two weeks in 1 Peter.*

**Responsive Reading, Psalm 143**

*(Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838)*

***WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS***

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**Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

*We repeat again today last week's assurance of pardon, it being so appropriate to the main theme of our sermon today.*

**Philippians 2:3-11** ESV

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the

earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

**\* Hymn of Assurance**

*This celebration of the gospel moves from celebration of the blessings obtained by Christ's suffering on the cross to a prayer that His exaltation and enthronement might be established and its full effects be realized.*

**"O Jesus, We Adore Thee"**

(Trinity Hymnal #255)

## ***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**

**"The Posture of Endurance" Part II**

(Mike Biggs)

\* | Peter 3:8–22

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.*

**Psalm 68:18-24** *(adapted from the Scottish Psalter, to the tune of  
'All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name)*

"Thou hast, O Lord, most glorious, ascended up on high;  
And in triumphal vict'ry led captive captivity:

Thou hast receiv-ed gifts from men, for such as did rebel;  
Yea, ev'n for them, that God the Lord in midst of them might dwell.

Blest be the Lord, who is to us of our salvation God;  
Who daily with his benefits us plenteously doth load.

He of salvation is the God, who is our God most strong;  
And unto God the Lord from death the issues do belong.

But surely God shall wound the head of those that are his foes;  
The crown of hair of him that still on in his trespass goes.

God said, My people I will bring again from Bashan hill;  
Yea, from the sea's devouring depths them bring again I will;

That in the blood of enemies thy foot imbrued may be,  
And of thy dogs dipped in the same the tongues thou mayest see.

Thy goings they have seen, O God; the steps of majesty  
Of my God, and my mighty King, within the sanctuary."



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

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### Offering Meditation

*We learn from this passage that, according to the example of our prototype, willingness to endure poverty, in whatever sense it is demanded of us, results in riches for the objects of God's blessing.*

### **II Corinthians 8:9** ESV

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

### **Psalm 68:18-24**

*(See Communion)*

### **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 once again today with an expression of renewed commitment to follow Christ in the way of the cross, understanding by faith that this is the path to blessing and victory.*

\* "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.
  
2. Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.
  
3. Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.
  
5. Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.
  
6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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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)

**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