



# CHRIST — THE KING —

The Lord's Day, January 20, 2019

“...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 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

*This is, most notably, a call not to private and individual, but instead to corporate worship, a worship in which fellowship is enjoyed together, a sharing in the love and adoration of God, which only the Church can truly experience.*

### Psalm 34:3 ESV

<sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise both the foundation of the Church, Christ, and all three persons of the Triune God in this hymn of celebration of the Church's glory as God's work of grace.*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (Trinity Hymnal #342)

## We Acknowledge Our Sin

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### \* Reading from the Law

*Israel was constituted a nation of priests, representatives of God to the world, and the Servant of the Lord (Christ) was to be a light to the nations as well as to the nation of Israel. This commission has been passed on to the Church, though whose mission God in Christ “fills all things.” We will explore this more in today's sermon.*

Exodus 19:5, 6; Isaiah 49:6 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” <sup>6</sup> he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*This prayer, in confessing the wasting of gifts and asking for grace to walk in the light, is particularly appropriate for the sermon passage.*

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

*The multi-national church is the greatly expanded covenant people of Israel, who have been not only made holy and constituted a people, but also given the same commission.*

1 Peter 2:9-12 ESV

9 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. 10 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.

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 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.

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*We take comfort in the fact that, through the gospel, all that is wrong in the world will eventually become gloriously right.*

### “Beams of Heaven”

1. Beams of heaven as I go,  
Through the wilderness below,  
Guide my feet in peaceful ways,  
Turn my midnights into days.  
When in the darkness I would grope,  
Faith always sees a star of hope,  
And soon from all life's grief and danger  
I shall be free someday.  
I shall be free someday.

2. Often times my sky is clear,  
Joy abounds without a tear;  
Though a day so bright begun,  
Clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.  
There'll be a day that's always bright,  
A day that never yields to night,  
And in its light the streets of glory  
I shall behold someday.  
I shall behold someday.
3. Harder yet may be the fight;  
Right may often yield to might;  
Wickedness a while may reign;  
Satan's cause may seem to gain.  
But there's a God that rules above  
With hand of power and heart of love;  
And if I'm right, he'll fight my battle,  
I shall have peace someday.  
I shall have peace someday.
4. Burdens now may crush me down,  
Disappointments all around;  
Troubles speak in mournful sigh,  
Sorrow through a tear-stained eye.  
There is a world where pleasure reigns,  
No mourning soul shall roam its plains,  
And to that land of peace and glory  
I shall want to go someday.  
I shall want to go someday.  
I shall want to go someday.

## We PrAy for eAch Other

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### Prayers of Intercession

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

## We heAr inStruction from the Lord

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### Sermon

“The Indispensability of ‘Organized Religion’”—Part II (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Ephesians 4:1-16 ESV

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. 8 Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” 9 (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of

ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

## W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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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.*

### “House of the LORD - Psalm 122”

*CH: I rejoiced when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”  
I rejoiced when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”*

1. Our feet were standing in your gates, Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem, built as a city firmly bound as one,  
To which the tribes, the tribes of the LORD, go up —  
A decree for Israel — to praise the name of the LORD.  
For the thrones there for judgment sit: thrones for David's house!
2. Pray now that peace may be upon Jerusalem!  
May those who cherish you have full security.  
Peace be within your walls, safety in your towers.  
For my friends' and brothers' sake, I'll say, “Peace be in you.”  
For the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good!

from Highways in our Hearts, released May 28, 2015 Lead vocalist: Emily Deloach CCL #2223976.

### “To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue”

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue, Its noblest tribute bring  
When He's the subject of the song, Who can refuse to sing?  
Survey the beauties of His face, And on His glories dwell  
Think of the wonder of His grace, And all His triumphs tell
5. Since from His bounty I receive, Such proofs of love divine  
Had I a thousand hearts to give Lord, they should all be Thine  
A thousand men could not compose, A worthy song to bring  
Yet Your love is a melody, Our hearts can't help but sing!

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## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*We become part of the fulfillment of this prophecy, as we, Gentiles who have become citizens in Israel, bring our treasures into God's house (the Temple: Christ's Church) and fill it with glory as we seek to bring all things into captivity to the mind of Christ.*

Haggai 2:7, 8 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>7</sup>And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>8</sup>The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts.

### 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 both celebrate and pray for the continuation and strengthening of the tie between us as members of the body of Christ as we leave today.*

\* "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" (Trinity Hymnal #359)

### Benediction