



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, December 23, 2018

“...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

*The angels are calling us right now, just as they did the shepherds that wonderful night, to glorify and praise God with them today.*

Luke 2:13, 14 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*We speak to those angels, and to various persons, and indeed to all creation as we call each other to worship the Christ who was born to save us.*

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Trinity Hymnal #218)

## We Acknowledge Our Sin

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#### \* Reading from the Law

*These verses outline one of the redemptive functions of the “kinsman redeemers,” the close relatives who redeemed those in their families who had become slaves through poverty, freed them from oppression, preserved their inheritance by marrying widows and producing offspring, and avenged their wrongful death. All of this points to the Son of God, who became a man so as to be our “kinsman,” our close relative, our brother in order to redeem us from all the misery of sin.*

Leviticus 25:25, 47-49 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>25</sup> “If your brother becomes poor and sells part of his property, then his nearest redeemer shall come and redeem what his brother has sold. <sup>47</sup> “If a stranger or sojourner with you becomes rich, and your brother beside him becomes poor and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner with you or to a member of the stranger’s clan, <sup>48</sup> then after he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may redeem him, <sup>49</sup> or his uncle or his cousin may redeem him, or a close relative from his clan may redeem him. Or if he grows rich he may redeem himself.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*The rather archaically expressed title of this hymn might be rephrased thusly: “Pay attention to the important announcement and accompanying exhortation declared by the angels on the night of Christ’s birth: ‘Glory to the newborn King!’” We urge each other to do this as we sing, because so to do cannot help but imbue our song with the unmitigated joy befitting so great a salvation.*

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (Trinity Hymnal #203)

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Jesus is our kinsman-redeemer, our brother, who has accomplished all that is necessary for our glorification.*

Hebrews 2:5-18 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>5</sup> For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection

to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." <sup>13</sup> And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." <sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

\* Hymn of Assurance

*Jesus has come, but in singing this hymn we echo the plaintive and expectant cry of the saints throughout the ages that Christ would come and do all His redeeming work for us, for us personally, thus confessing our need and our faith in the One in whom alone is our hope and our trust. And we pray that He will come again and consummate His work, a coming that we still anticipate and for which we long.*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Trinity Hymnal #194)

## 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 Word Became Flesh” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* John 1:1-18 ESV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

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.*

## “I Take This Bread”

1. I take this bread ordained by Christ  
Who met the dreadful Law's demands  
And bids me now my finger place  
Into His nail-scarred hands
2. I take this cup, poured out for us  
Because our Substitute has died  
And as it were, my own hand place  
Into His opened side
3. For from this Second Adam's side  
Because He slumbered in the grave  
Were we made one with Him to be  
His bride He bled to save
4. I pray now, 'Help my unbelief'  
And seek His presence here to feel  
As bread and wine my interest in  
The cross do show and seal
5. For though with pow'r of carnal eye  
I cannot Christ Ascended see  
He at His table lifts me up  
Who once came down for me

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“All for Jesus!” (Trinity Hymnal #565)

## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*Once again we note that the appropriate response to the coming of the King is to shower Him with gifts befitting His majesty, as an expression of worship.*

Matthew 2:11 ESV

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

### 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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*Make the closing verse of this hymn your prayer as we leave each other today and anticipate the day of celebration of the birth of our Savior this Tuesday.*

\*“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Trinity Hymnal #201)

**Benediction**