



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 12, 2021

"...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 worship the God who delights to lift up the lowly and humble.*

### **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 the One whom angels worship and who revealed His glory among us on earth.*

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #193)*

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*The sin of partiality towards those who are great in the eyes of the world makes those who engage in it fundamentally alien to the character of God.*

### **James 2:1–9** ESV

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.<sup>2</sup> For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,<sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,”<sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?<sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?<sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?<sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.<sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*In this hymn we ask for the only One who can heal our sin to come and do it, echoing the longing of God's people throughout the ages.*

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #194)*

# *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*In the gospel God has lifted us up with Christ from our miserable and sinful condition and guilt to the most glorious position imaginable!*

### **Ephesians 2:4–7<sup>ESV</sup>**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We celebrate the coming of the One who came to make "His blessings flow far as the curse is found."*

**"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #195)*

# *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 will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.*

## *WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD*

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Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

**"The Flowering of God's Glory"**

\* Psalm 8

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.*

**"Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name"**

(Trinity Hymnal #114)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*The Lord rejoices not in how much we give, but on how much our giving reflects our love for Him.*

### **Luke 21:1–4** <sup>ESV</sup>

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,<sup>2</sup> and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.<sup>3</sup> And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.<sup>4</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

**"Lord of All Good, We Bring Our Gifts to You"** *(Trinity Hymnal #435)*

**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 today with a prayer that Jesus will come in power to establish His kingdom among us and to reveal His glory completely.*

**"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"** *(Trinity Hymnal #196)*

### Benediction

# SERMON NOTES

December 12, 2021

"The Flowering of God's Glory"

Psalm 8

(Mike Biggs)

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Introduction:

*How is the Advent of Christ Related to God's Glory?*

I. The glory of God provides *the meaning of creation*, vv. 1, 9.

A. What's in a name?

B. What's in Jesus?



II. The glory of God generates *the irony of doxology*, v. 2.

A. The subjects of God's praise.

B. The irony in Christ's coming.

III. The glory of God embraces *the paradox of dignity*, vv. 3-8.

A. The delight of God.

B. God's delight in Christ.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: