



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 14, 2024

"...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

*God is the one who initiates the relationship between himself and man - we do not come desperately seeking to win his attention - he invites us to the family table.*

### **Psalm 100**<sup>ESV</sup>

*A Psalm For Giving Thanks.*

<sup>1</sup> *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

<sup>2</sup> *Serve the LORD with gladness!*

*Come into his presence with singing!*

<sup>3</sup> *Know that the LORD, he is God!*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;*

*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

<sup>4</sup> *Enter his gates with thanksgiving,*

*and his courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

<sup>5</sup> *For the LORD is good;*

*his steadfast love endures forever,*

*and his faithfulness to all generations.*

## **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

### **\* Hymn of Praise**

*"The man who sings prays twice: once with his mouth, and again with his heart." - St. Augustine*

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #100)*

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*Every relationship is defined by boundaries - proper behavior - and our relationship with God is no different. God graciously gives us directions on how to live well in the world He has made.*

### Mark 12:28–34 <sup>ESV</sup>

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him." <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*If we rightly know ourselves, as soon as we come in to the presence of a holy God we realize our own deep sinfulness and need for a savior. We confess together to remind ourselves and those around us that we must approach God with honesty, and that none of us is alone in our sin.*

**Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy law. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Oh Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, oh God, who confess their sin, and restore those who are penitent, according to your promises**

declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, oh most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a Godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Because of what Jesus has done in his life, death, and resurrection, no confession of sin can ever be left without an assurance of pardon. He does not treat you as your sins deserve, but he removes them from you, as far as the east is from the west.*

#### **Ephesians 2:11–22** ESV

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

#### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We rejoice in the triumph of our King over death and hell.*

#### **"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"**

*1. O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*2. O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshines blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.*

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust lifes glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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## *RUF TESTIMONIALS*

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RUF is the PCA's denominational college ministry - our presbytery currently has four RUFs: RUF OU, RUF OSU, RUF Tulsa, and RUF Arkansas. The mission of RUF is to reach students on campus with the gospel of Jesus Christ and equip them to serve. God has been at work at all of these campuses for a very long time, and we want you to be encouraged by what he is doing!

## *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

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### *WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD*

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Sermon

(James Post)

"The Guilty King"

\* 2 Samuel 6: 1-15

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.*

## "Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted"

1. Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,  
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;  
By the broken, law convicted,  
Through the cross, behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

2. Take His easy, yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your, obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you, strength to bear it,  
While His grace, shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,  
Where His ransomed captives meet.

3. Blessèd are the, eyes that see Him,  
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;  
Blessèd are the, souls that trust Him,  
And in Him, alone rejoice;  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments  
Then become their happy choice.

4. Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly, opened eyes,  
Like full springs in, deserts dreary,  
Is the rest, the cross supplies;  
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Tag: Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

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

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### Offering Meditation

*God's continuing grace of provision for us is what enables us to give to His kingdom.*

### **2 Corinthians 9:6–7** ESV

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.<sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### **"Thou Lovely Source of True Delight**

Thou lovely source of true delight  
Whom I unseen adore  
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight  
That I might love Thee more,  
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines  
But in Thy sacred Word  
I read in fairer, brighter lines  
My bleeding, dying Lord,  
See my bleeding, dying Lord



'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop  
And sin and sorrow rise  
Thy love w/ cheering beams of hope  
My fainting heart supplies,  
My fainting heart's supplied

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene  
Is clouded o'er with pain  
My gloomy fears rise dark between  
And I again complain,  
Oh and I again complain

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light  
Oh come with blissful ray  
Break radiant through the shades of night  
And chase my fears away,  
Won't You chase my fears away

Then shall my soul with rapture trace  
The wonders of Thy love  
But the full glories of Thy face  
Are only known above,  
They are only known above

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## **Presentation of Offerings**

*(See Communion)*

## **\* Doxology**

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We conclude our service today with a declaration of our intention to respond to the grace of Jesus in the only way that is appropriate: giving our whole selves to Him (Romans 12:1).*

### **"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"**

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

Yes, we praise Thee, gracious Saviour  
Wonder, love, and bless Thy Name.  
Pardon, Lord our poor endeavor  
Pity for Thou knowest our frame  
Wash our souls and songs with blood  
Wash our souls and songs with blood  
Wash our souls and songs with blood  
For by Thee, we come to God

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## **Benediction**

# SERMON NOTES

April 14, 2024

"The Guilty King"

(James Post)

2 Samuel 6: 1–15

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Introduction:

*"Only God's free grace can overcome our guilt."*

I. Death

## II. Despondency

### III. Dancing

# — 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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