



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, April 22, 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 gray 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*

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### We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

*The heart of this call to worship could be summarized by verse 9: "Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness." We must appreciate the awesomeness of God and His graciousness in granting us access to Him as we worship.*

Psalm 96:1-10 <sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!
- <sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\* Hymn of Praise

*We declare the holiness of Him whom angels worship ceaselessly  
in awe that causes them to cover their faces (Isaiah 6).*

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" (Trinity Hymnal #100)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

\* Reading from the Law

*God gave the Levites and priests the special responsibility of  
instructing the people of Israel, their brothers and sisters, the law of  
God, enabling them to distinguish both between the holy and the*

*common and between the clean and the unclean (symbolic good and evil), so “guarding” them from the unbridled wrath of God, whose glory and honor are His chief concern. They thus were conscious of a special relationship both to God and to the people. We serve as priests in this way to the world as we proclaim to them the will of the holy God, and how to avoid His wrath, in both evangelism and instruction in His law (Matthew 28:18-20).*

Exodus 3:1-6; Leviticus 10:1-11; Numbers 1:51-53; 3:38; Hebrews 12:28, 29; 1 Peter 2:9 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup> Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup> And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>1</sup> Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them. <sup>2</sup> And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the Lord has said: ‘Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.’” And Aaron held his peace. <sup>4</sup> And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, “Come near; carry your brothers away from the front of the sanctuary and out of the camp.” <sup>5</sup> So they came near and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said. <sup>6</sup> And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar his sons, “Do not let the hair of your heads hang loose, and do not tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the congregation; but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning that the Lord has kindled. <sup>7</sup> And do not go outside the entrance of the tent of meeting, lest you die, for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon

you.” And they did according to the word of Moses. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying, <sup>9</sup> “Drink no wine or strong drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. <sup>10</sup> You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, <sup>11</sup> and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the Lord has spoken to them by Moses.” <sup>51</sup> When the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down, and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up. And if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death. <sup>52</sup> The people of Israel shall pitch their tents by their companies, each man in his own camp and each man by his own standard. <sup>53</sup> But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, so that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the people of Israel. And the Levites shall keep guard over the tabernacle of the testimony.” <sup>38</sup> Those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, were Moses and Aaron and his sons, guarding the sanctuary itself, to protect the people of Israel. And any outsider who came near was to be put to death. <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire. <sup>9</sup> 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.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*Note the focus of our confession today on holiness and its importance before a holy God.*

Corporate Confession: Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good. Who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, oh Lord, with heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true repentance, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress.

Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. In removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit. That acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## We rejoice in the ASSurance of forgiveness

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Our great high priest has opened the way for all who trust in Him to have sanctuary privileges, to draw near to the holy God who is a consuming fire with confidence and without fear. This does not negate the obligation for proper reverence and recognition of His holiness (cf. the passage read earlier, from Hebrews 12:25-29), but fulfills the duty of a priest, to bring us into a proper relationship to this holy God.*

Hebrews 10:19-23: 12:18-24 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without

wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

\* Hymn of Assurance

*Because of the work of Christ, we no longer need to be afraid of God, but He lifts up our heads so that we might look into His face with joy.*

"Give To The Winds Thy Fears"

1. Give to the winds thy fears,  
Hope and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,  
God will lift up,  
God will lift up  
God will lift up thy head
2. Leave to His sovereign sway  
To choose and to command;  
Then shalt thou, wandering, own His way,  
How wise, how strong,  
how wise, how strong  
How wise, how strong His hand.
3. Far, far above thy thought,  
His counsel shall appear  
When fully He the work hath wrought  
That caused thy need,  
that caused thy need  
That caused thy needless fear

4. Through waves and clouds and storms,  
He gently clears the way;  
Wait thou His time; so shall this night  
Soon end in joy,  
soon end in joy  
Soon end in joyous day.

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## We prAy for eAch Other

### Prayers of Intercession

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

## We heAr inStruction from the Lord

### Sermon

“Principles of Effective Discipleship II” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Acts 15:36-16:5 ESV

<sup>36</sup>And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are.” <sup>37</sup>Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup>But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. <sup>39</sup>And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, <sup>40</sup>but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace



of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. <sup>1</sup> Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup> He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup> Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

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.*

"O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord" (Trinity Hymnal #52)

"My Maker and My King"

1. My Maker and my King,  
To Thee my all I owe;  
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring  
Whence all my blessings flow;  
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring  
Whence all my blessings flow.
3. Lord, what can I impart  
When all is Thine before?  
Thy love demands a thankful heart;  
The gift, alas! how poor.  
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## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*Our presentation of offerings to God in worship is an ascription to Him of what is only His due; it is a recognition of His glory and tribute to Him who deserves all our honor.*

Psalm 96:8 <sup>ESV</sup>

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## 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 offer a prayer that our lives might be consecrated (holy) unto the accomplishment of the mission He has given us to be priests to the world, ministering Jesus the Savior to the ends of the earth.*

### \* “Take My Life, and Let It Be” (Trinity Hymnal #585)

### \* 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)

Core Values (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

***How can you be a part of all this?***

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# SERMON NOTES

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April 22, 2018

“Principles of Effective Discipleship II” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 15:36-16:5

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Introduction:

*What principles of effective discipleship can we glean from this passage?*

- I. Effective discipleship recognizes the principle of *ownership*,  
15:36; 16:4, 5.
  - A. Paternal interest.

- B. Ecclesiastical submission.

- II. Effective discipleship recognizes the principle of *mentorship*,  
15:37-16:3a.
  - A. Lifestyle ministry.

- B. Necessary diversity.

- III. Effective discipleship recognizes the principle of *relationship*, 16:1-3.
  - A. Apparent contradiction.

- B. Prudent contextualization.

# **For Your Personal Devotions**

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: