



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 11, 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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## Prelude

## Call to Worship

*This psalm, in its totality, points us to the goodness of God to His people, taking many forms, as a motivation to praise Him.*

### **Psalm 106:1, 2, 47, 48** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> **Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,** [congregation]  
**or declare all his praise?**

<sup>47</sup> **Save us, O LORD our God,**  
**and gather us from among the nations,**  
**that we may give thanks to your holy name**  
**and glory in your praise.**

<sup>48</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say,

**“Amen!”** [congregation]  
Praise the LORD!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*In our opening hymn we celebrate the good gifts of the almighty God to us in the totality of our lives.*

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #53)*

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*In this passage the process of trial and sin is demonstrated, culminating in the command of God to Cain (and to us!), "...you must master it."*

### **Genesis 4:3–7** ESV

In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*In our confession today we confess and acknowledge the source of all of our sin: the corrupt nature which we have inherited from Adam.*

**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

*Jesus, our high priest, having been tempted as we are, is the source of eternal salvation for all who trust in Him.*

### **Hebrews 4:14–16; Hebrews 10:10–14** ESV

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>10:10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We express our gratitude and confidence in Jesus, the one who loved and loves us, and whose attitude toward and purpose for us never changes.*

## "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Til lifes storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.

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## *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)

**"Dealing with Trials: Part II"**

\* James 1:13–18

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.*

**"O Lord, By Grace Delivered"**

(Trinity Hymnal #626)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*Temptation comes from corrupted desires, which can cause us to miss the blessing of which Jesus spoke when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

### **I Timothy 6:9, 10** ESV

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

### **"Forever Trusting in the Lord"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #671)*

### **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 depart today singing a meditation of the root of our salvation:  
God's eternal and gracious purpose for His chosen people.*

### **"Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #471)*

### **Benediction**

# — SERMON NOTES —

July 11, 2021

"Dealing with Trials, Part II"

James 1:13–18

(Mike Biggs)

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Introduction:

*What are the elements of a helpful perspective on trials?*

I. We must understand the *complex source* of trials, vv. 13, 14.

A. God's role.

B. Man's role.

II. We must understand the *potential danger* in trials, v. 15.

A. Desire and sin.

B. Sin and death.

III. We must understand the *divine purpose* in trials, vv. 16-18.

A. The potential for deception.

B. The goodness of God.

C. The purpose of God.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: