



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, August 13, 2017

"...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*

*We Approach the Lord*

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Prelude

Call to Worship

*Notice how this psalm celebrates God's goodness and mercy to those who fear Him, while at the same time affirming His judgment on the wicked (verse 6). Both of these are cause to praise God, and thus fitting as the justification for a call to worship.*

Psalm 147:11 ESV

1 Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

4 He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

6 The LORD lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre!

8 He covers the heavens with clouds;

he prepares rain for the earth;

he makes grass grow on the hills.

9 He gives to the beasts their food,

and to the young ravens that cry.

10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

11 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

he blesses your children within you.

14 He makes peace in your borders;

he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

- 16 He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.
- 17 He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;  
who can stand before his cold?
- 18 He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.
- 19 He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and rules to Israel.
- 20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his rules.  
Praise the LORD!

#### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*We open our singing today with a hymn acknowledging God's justice and righteous judgment, indeed praising Him for it, and expressing hope in Him as a refuge from evil for those who both are afflicted by it and hope in Him. All these are prominent themes in the book of Nahum.*

“O Lord Most High, with All My Heart” (Trinity Hymnal #48)

#### We Acknowledge Our Sin

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#### \* Reading from the Law

*God's people at the time of Jeremiah had fallen into the presumption that, because the Temple of God was in their midst, demonstrating that they were God's people, that they were exempt from His judgment and immune to any calamity. Such an attitude is always a misunderstanding of God's ways, and dangerous for anyone who holds it. It obliges us to repent.*

Jeremiah 7:1-20 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> “Stand in the gate of the Lord’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup> Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.’ <sup>5</sup> “For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <sup>6</sup> if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup> then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever. <sup>8</sup> “Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup> Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup> and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup> Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel. <sup>13</sup> And now, because you have done all these things, declares the Lord, and when I spoke to you persistently you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, <sup>14</sup> therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, and in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. <sup>15</sup> And I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim. <sup>16</sup> “As for you, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you. <sup>17</sup> Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? <sup>18</sup> The children gather wood, the fathers kindle fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven. And they pour out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. <sup>19</sup> Is it I whom they provoke? declares the Lord. Is it not themselves, to their own shame? <sup>20</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, my anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, upon man and beast, upon the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground; it will burn and not be quenched.”

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*Realizing the awesome judgment of God can fill us with terror and despair. This hymn reflects the response of those who, experiencing this fear, nevertheless turn to Him in faith who is not only the source of the terror, but its remedy as well.*

### “Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears”

1. Laden with guilt and full of fears,  
I fly to Thee, my Lord,  
And not a glimpse of hope appears,  
But in Thy written Word  
The volumes of my Father's grace  
Does all my griefs assuage  
Here I behold my Savior's face  
In every page.
2. This is the field where, hidden, lies  
The pearl of price unknown  
That merchant is divinely wise  
Who makes the pearl his own  
Here consecrated water flows  
To quench my thirst of sin  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
No danger dwells within.
3. This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail  
My guide to everlasting life  
Through all this gloomy vale  
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,  
My roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road  
That leads to Thy right hand.

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## We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*No condemnation means no fear. God's judgment is forever averted in one way, and one way only, through faith in the perfect work of Jesus Christ in our behalf, a work that not only delivers us from punishment and wrath, but enables us to obey and enjoy the blessings of God's law. This is the gospel!*

Romans 8:1-4 ESV

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*As you sing these words of joy and wonder at the profound glory of Christ Jesus's work on your behalf, sing with special vigor the words, "No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!" This is our hope and confidence. This is our glory!*

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (Trinity Hymnal #455)

## 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 Sobering Reality of God’s Judgment” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\*Nahum ESV

<sup>7</sup>The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. <sup>8</sup>But with an overflowing flood he will make a complete end of the adversaries, and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

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.*

### "Greater Than Our Hearts"

*CH: You who are greater than our hearts,  
Come make your faithful mercies known,  
The mind of Christ to us impart  
Your constant mind in us be shown*

1. O let us by your cross abide,  
You, only you, resolved to know  
The Lamb for sinners crucified,  
A world to save from endless woe (Repeat Chorus)
2. Take us into your people's rest,  
And we from our own works shall cease  
With your meek Spirit arm our breast,  
And keep our minds in perfect peace (Repeat Chorus)
3. Jesus, for this we calmly wait,  
O let our eyes behold you near  
Hurry to make our heaven complete,  
Appear, our glorious God, appear (Repeat Chorus)

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## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*We give willingly and not under compulsion, because we no longer have anything of which to be afraid, now that God is our Father and all that stood against us and invited His judgment is erased. So why do we give? We give out of gratitude for what He has given us, which we can never repay.*

II Corinthians 9:7 <sup>ESV</sup>

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### 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 celebrate as we prepare to leave today the realities that will come with the coming of Christ and the Final Judgment: destruction of the wicked and final redemption, vindication, and blessing for God's people. Rejoice together in the wisdom and glory of all of God's acts.*

\* “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for our salvation, slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of His train:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold Him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.
3. Lo! He comes in glory shining  
Saints arise and meet your king  
Glorious captain of salvation  
“Welcome welcome” hear them sing  
Shouts of triumph, shouts of triumph  
Make the heavens with echoes ring
4. Now redemption, long expected,  
See in solemn pomp appear;  
All His saints, by man rejected,  
Now shall meet Him in the air:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear!
5. Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee,  
High on Thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory,  
Claim the kingdom for Thine own;  
O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

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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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“The Sobering Reality of God’s Judgment” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Nahum

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Introduction:

*What do we learn from the judgment on Ninevah proclaimed by Nahum?*

- I. We must refrain from presumption of exemption from God’s judgment, 1:1-3.
  - A. The promise of God’s mercy.

- B. The avenue of God’s mercy.

- II. We must renew our awareness of the character of God's judgment,  
2:10-13; 3:5-7/3:1-4,19.
  - A. Its terror.

- B. Its propriety.

- III. We must react in faith to the scope of God's judgment, 1:4, 5; 2:1,2;  
1:12-15.
  - A. The sovereignty of God.

- B. The reaction of faith.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: