



# CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, November 13, 2016

"...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 that the congregation stands during this element of worship.*

### We Approach the Lord

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Prelude

Call to Worship

*This psalm exhorts us to give thanks to God, basing the appeal on several considerations that are relevant to the theme of our service, including remembrance of God's works, seeking and enjoying His presence, God's covenant with us, and our responsibility to manage the inheritance He has given us.*

Psalm 105:1-11 ESV

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!
- 3 Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- 4 Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!
- 5 Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- 7 He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded,  
for a thousand generations,
- 9 the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,
- 10 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- 11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\* Hymn of Praise

*We praise Christ today particularly for His death on our behalf and His willingness to make such a sacrifice.*

"O Jesus, We Adore Thee" (Trinity Hymnal #255)

\* Reading from the Law

*Forgetting God after victories of various types in life is a constant temptation, accompanied by a presumptuous confidence in our own resources and abilities without God. This is one of the essential elements of humanism.*

Deuteronomy 8:11-20 ESV

<sup>11</sup> “Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup> And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*The emphasis in this psalm of confession and repentance is the expression of the attitude opposite to that condemned in our law reading today: the need for God and His power for deliverance from His and our enemies.*

Responsive Reading, Psalm 143; Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*It is Christ, not us, who has “made a public spectacle” of Satan and His minions and achieved victory, but through the most ironic means imaginable: His death on the cross.*

Colossians 2:13-15 ESV

<sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

\* Hymn of Assurance

*We celebrate the fact that our answer to Satan, our accuser, is to point to Jesus and His death.*

“Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”

*CH: Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before His feet,  
For none can perish there.*

1. Thy promise is my only plea,  
With this I venture nigh;  
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee  
And such, O Lord, am I.
2. Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely pressed,  
By wars without and fears within,  
I come to Thee for rest.
3. Be Thou my shield and hiding place,  
That, sheltered near Thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face,  
And tell him Thou hast died!

*CH: Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before His feet,  
For none can perish there.*

4. O wondrous love! To bleed and die,  
To bear the cross and shame,  
That guilty sinners, such as I,  
Might plead Thy gracious name!
5. “Poor tempest-toss-ed soul, be still;  
My promised grace receive;  
I’ll work in thee both power and will;  
Thou shalt in me believe.”

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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

“Humanism Versus Humanity” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Judges 16 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Samson went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went in to her. <sup>2</sup> The Gazites were told, “Samson has come here.” And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night at the gate of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, “Let us wait

till the light of the morning; then we will kill him.”<sup>3</sup> But Samson lay till midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron.<sup>4</sup> After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.<sup>5</sup> And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver.”<sup>6</sup> So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you might be bound, that one could subdue you.”<sup>7</sup> Samson said to her, “If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.”<sup>8</sup> Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she bound him with them.<sup>9</sup> Now she had men lying in ambush in an inner chamber. And she said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he snapped the bowstrings, as a thread of flax snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.<sup>10</sup> Then Delilah said to Samson, “Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Please tell me how you might be bound.”<sup>11</sup> And he said to her, “If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.”<sup>12</sup> So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And the men lying in ambush were in an inner chamber. But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread.<sup>13</sup> Then Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me how you might be bound.” And he said to her, “If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and fasten it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.”<sup>14</sup> So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them into the web. And she made them tight with the pin and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he awoke from his sleep and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web.<sup>15</sup> And she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and you have not told me where your great strength lies.”<sup>16</sup> And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death.<sup>17</sup> And he told her all his heart, and said to her, “A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from

my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man." <sup>18</sup> When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up again, for he has told me all his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. <sup>19</sup> She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. <sup>20</sup> And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him. <sup>21</sup> And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison. <sup>22</sup> But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved. <sup>23</sup> Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." <sup>24</sup> And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." <sup>25</sup> And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. <sup>26</sup> And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." <sup>27</sup> Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained. <sup>28</sup> Then Samson called to the LORD and said, "O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes." <sup>29</sup> And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. <sup>30</sup> And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. <sup>31</sup> Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.



Leader:  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation:  
Thanks be to God!

## W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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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.*

“Give Thanks Unto the Lord, Jehovah” (Trinity Hymnal #613)

## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*We must remember that it is God who has given us our wealth, no matter how we have acquired it, and thus we have a responsibility to acknowledge this through our tithes and offerings presented in the context of worship.*

### Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV

You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

### 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 conclude our worship today with a searching question: who follows Christ and His servants of old in their battle with the kingdom of Satan and his playground, the world, in their willingness to sacrifice comfort and endure suffering for the sake of the Kingdom, and in His focus on redemption and His mercy to His and our enemies? As you sing, you might well pray for God's grace to enable us to follow in their train.*

\* "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"

1. The Son of God goes forth to war  
A kingly crown to gain.  
His blood-red banner streams afar;  
Who follows in His train?  
Who best can drink His cup of woe,  
Triumphant over pain,  
Who patient bears his cross below--  
He follows in His train.

2. The martyr first whose eagle eye  
Could pierce beyond the grave,  
Who saw His Master in the sky  
And called on Him to save.  
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue,  
In midst of mortal pain,  
He prayed for them that did the wrong--  
Who follows in his train?

3. A glorious band, the chosen few,  
On whom the Spirit came,  
Twelve valiant saints; their hope they knew  
And mocked the cross and flame.  
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,  
The lion's gory mane;  
They bowed their necks the death to feel--  
Who follows in their train?

4. A noble army, men and boys,  
The matron and the maid,  
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,  
In robes of light arrayed.  
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n  
Thro' peril, toil, and pain.  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n  
To follow in their train!

'The Minstrel Boy, Irish folk tune'

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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November 13, 2016

“Humanism Versus Humanity” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Judges 16

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Introduction:

*What insights must God’s people incorporate into their lives to engage humanistic culture successfully?*

- I. Humanistic culture is dangerous to human confidence.
  - A. Flirting with temptation.

- B. Disrespecting God’s gifts.

II. Humanistic culture is destructive to human purpose

A. Enjoyment of God (life).

B. Glorification of God (calling).

III. Humanistic culture is invincible to human resources.  
A. The example of Samson.

B. The typology of Samson.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: