



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, March 6, 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.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*How may I “tell of all His wondrous works” this week?*

Psalm 105:1-6 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!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

*Our great God is King over all the earth – when and how has that truth rejoiced your heart and fueled your praise?*

“Rejoice, All People, Homage Give” (Trinity Hymnal #73)

## Reading from the Law

*Larger Catechism Q. 97.*

*What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate?*

*A. Although they that are regenerate, and believe in Christ, be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works, so as thereby they are neither justified nor condemned; yet besides the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use, to show them how much they are bound to Christ for his fulfilling it, and enduring the curse thereof in their stead, and for their good; and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness, and to express the same in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience.*

Exodus 20:1-17 ESV

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> “You shall not

murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.  
<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

#### Silent Confession of Sin

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

### We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

#### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Though we have grievously transgressed God’s Law, we look to Christ Jesus, who has completely met the demands of that Law by taking on our unrighteousness and the subsequent wrath of God that was due to us: “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”*

#### Isaiah 53:1-5 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely

he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

#### Hymn of Assurance

*The eternity and unchangeableness of our God is of great comfort and security for us. "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever."*

"Our God Our Help in Ages Past" (Trinity Hymnal #30)

#### 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

“Praying to Our Father” (Rev. John Butler)

Ephesians 3:14-16 ESV

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

## 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.*

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (Trinity Hymnal #257)

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” (Trinity Hymnal #253)

## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”*

Galatians 6:9-10 ESV

<sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### Presentation of Offerings

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (Trinity Hymnal #302)

“Nothing but the Blood” (Trinity Hymnal #307)



## 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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*William Cowper, the author of this hymn, struggled for much of his life with depression and despair. Yet He found his solace and comfort over and over again in the Lord: "yet God the same abideth."*

### "Sometimes A Light Surprises"

1. Sometimes a light surprises  
The Christian while he sings;  
It is the Lord Who rises  
With healing in His wings:  
When comforts are declining,  
He grants the soul again  
A season of clear shining,  
To cheer it after the rain
2. In holy contemplation  
We sweetly then pursue  
The theme of God's salvation,  
And find it ever new;  
Set free from present sorrow,  
We cheerfully can say,  
Let the unknown tomorrow  
Bring with it what it may.
3. Tomorrow can bring us nothing,  
But He will bear us through:  
Who gives the lilies clothing  
Will clothe His people, too:  
Beneath the spreading heavens  
No creature but is fed;

And He Who feeds the ravens  
Will give His children bread.

4. Though vine nor fig tree neither  
Their wonted fruit should bear,  
Though all the fields should wither,  
Nor flocks or herds be there  
Yet, God the same abiding,  
His praise shall tune my voice;  
For, while in Him confiding,  
I cannot but rejoice.

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Presentation of Mercy Ministry Offerings

(during hymn)

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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“Praying to Our Father” (Rev. John Butler)

Ephesians 3:14-16

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Introduction:

I. Meaning of the Text

A. Paul's Posture

B. The Petitions Proper

II. Doctrine of the Text

- A. The Fatherhood of God is of Incomparable Blessing to the Believer

### III. Application of the Text

#### A. The Power of God and You

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: