



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 10, 2024

"...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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## Call to Worship

*This psalm leads as well as exhorts us to praise as it expounds both the greatness and the loving care of our Creator.*

**Psalm 104** ESV

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

*We praise God for His abundant and wise love for all that He has made.*

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #125)*

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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**\* Reading from the Law**

*God's love for us is partially demonstrated in His discipline, including His allowing us to experience hard situations, and so express, develop, and grow our faith in Him. Our response, according to this passage, should be to "know" this, believe it, and continue to obey Him.*

**Deuteronomy 8:1–6** ESV

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him."

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*The trials of this life can generate responses that fill us with guilt, but God's grace is sufficient to remove our guilt, if we come to Him in faith such as that expressed in this hymn.*

#### 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*

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*There is no circumstance, situation, experience, or hardship that can separate us from the **experience** of God's love, since He works all things for the good of those He loves.*

**Romans 8:35–39** ESV

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

\* **Hymn of Assurance**

*The love of Jesus for us who trust in Him, in spite of our sin, is constant and overflowing, meeting all of our needs.*

**"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #498)*

1. Jesus! What a friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

2. Jesus! What a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my victory wins. (Repeat chorus)

3. Jesus! What a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.      (Repeat chorus)

4. Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.      (Repeat chorus)

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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, and these will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with the words, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.*

## *WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD*

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### **Sermon**

(Mike Biggs)

"The Jesus You Can Know (XXIII)— 'The Way Jesus Loves'"

\* John 11:1-44

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.*

"Loved with Everlasting Love"

(Trinity Hymnal #703)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*"God so loved the world, that He gave. . . ." So it is out of and as an expression of our love for God that we now give.*

### John 3:16 <sup>ESV</sup>

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

"Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me" (Trinity Hymnal #638, v. 4)

### Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

### \* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

### Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We conclude our service today celebrating the wonderful love of our faithful Shepherd.*

**"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #184)*

**Benediction**



# — SERMON NOTES —

March 10, 2024

"The Jesus You Can Know (XXIII)— 'The Way Jesus Loves'"

(Mike Biggs)

John 11:1–44

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Introduction:

*What does this passage display how Jesus loves His people?*

I. The love of Jesus always pursues the best interests of the loved, vv. 1–16.

A. In spite of pain for the loved.

B. In spite of pain for the loved.

II. The love of Jesus always matches the individual uniqueness of the loved, vv. 17–37.

A. Teaching.

B. Feeling.

III. The love of Jesus always enriches the spiritual understanding of the loved, vv. 38–44.

A. Through stimulation.

B. Through challenge.

C. Through accommodation.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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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)

**CoreValues** (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



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