



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, April 29, 2018

“...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*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*This psalm alternates calls to worship with prayers to the God we worship, reminding us of His universal sovereignty and His kind interactions with His people, which is what we seek today.*

Psalm 99 <sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!
- 4 The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.  
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- 9 Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\* Hymn of Praise

*We praise God in this hymn for the light of His wisdom by which He guides us as His people.*

“Immortal, Invisible” (Trinity Hymnal #38)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

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\* Reading from the Law

*On their journey to the promised land, God did not lead His people by the way most logically anticipated, for His own wise reasons, some of which are not spelled out here. The point is that we are to follow God’s leading, whether we find it reasonable to us or not, and be patient as to where we find ourselves at any particular time, since God’s timing is infallible.*

Exodus 13:17-22 ESV

<sup>17</sup>When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.” <sup>18</sup>But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. <sup>19</sup>Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here.” <sup>20</sup>And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*This is a classic prayer for grace and forgiveness centering on the character of God and declaring the fact that all the nations will one day worship Him.*

Responsive Reading, Psalm 86; Trinity Hymnal pp. 814-815

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The one who enlightens us is also the one who, through faith in Him, gives us the right to become children of God.*

John 1:9-13 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

\* Hymn of Assurance

*Because of the work of Christ, we no longer need to be afraid of God, but He lifts up our heads so that we might look into His face with joy.*

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

1. O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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## 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

“Principles of Effective Discipleship III” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Acts 16:6-10 ESV

<sup>6</sup>And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup>And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. <sup>8</sup>So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

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, (*\*or universal*)  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



## 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.*

“O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good” (Trinity Hymnal #83)

## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*We give as an act of worship to the one who supremely gave to us.*

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.

### 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 with a prayer on our lips for God to guide us ultimately into His eternal presence.*

\* "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (Trinity Hymnal #598)

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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“Principles of Effective Discipleship III” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 16:6-10

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Introduction:

*How do we utilize God's guidance for effective discipleship?*

I. We must *accept* the *mechanics* of God's guidance.  
A. Circumstantial direction.

B. Rational consideration.

C. Corporate deliberation.

II. We must *trust* the *design* behind God's guidance.

A. A providential platform.

B. A divine record.

- III. We must *appreciate* the *goal* of God's guidance.
  - A. The purpose of a vision.

- B. The substance of the vision.

# ~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: