

# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 16, 2023

"...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

*We are called to worship the God who, in contrast to ungodly kings and idols, is fully worthy of worship, not only from us, but also from all His creatures..*

### **Psalms 97** ESV

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- <sup>4</sup> His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- <sup>7</sup> All worshipers of images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in worthless idols;  
worship him, all you gods!
- <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> O you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

### **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

## \* Hymn of Praise

*This hymn, one of our congregation's favorites, reaches its climax in verse 5, where the sentiment "All idols underfoot be trod..." is immediately bolstered by the cry of the people of Israel on Mt. Carmel after the humiliation of the prophets of Baal, which we echo: "The Lord is God! The Lord is God!"*

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*The same message as this passage is found in Isaiah 46. The command is to remember that idols are futile, and that God alone is the true God and the only One who can give infallible help and salvation to those who trust in Him.*

**Isaiah 44:9–22** ESV

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*The focus of this confession is idolatry and the acknowledgement of its foolishness, together with the prayer that God would give us the wisdom to see and combat sin in all its ugliness, seeing it as God sees it.*

Almighty and most holy God, who is too holy to look upon evil, and who declares Himself to be a most jealous God, who will not tolerate the idols with which your people at times would replace you, we confess before you our utter shame in excusing and minimizing our offenses against you, treating them as trivial and insignificant, and our self-congratulatory toleration of the evil around us. We have failed to love what you love, and hate what you hate, and have instead embraced the vile things which repulse you and would destroy us. Forgive our foolishness and wickedness we pray, and give us grace enabling us to transcend our desire for peace when there is no peace, and to endure whatever strife is necessary to commit ourselves single-mindedly to the establishment of your Kingdom, beginning with

the ruthless mortification of the iniquity within our own hearts,  
through the power of our risen and victorious Savior, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*A nation who descended into all the abysmal ugliness idolatry heard these words from their gracious God even before they experienced His chastening in exile, declaring the end from the beginning, including His mercy and salvation, both to them and to us...because He is God.*

#### Isaiah 55:1-7 <sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> "Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.
- <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear; and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.
- <sup>6</sup> "Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;
- <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*With full realization of the seriousness of our sin and the righteous justice of God, we rejoice that Christ has "hushed the Law's loud thunder," as "grace and justice join and point to mercy's store," the work of our mighty Savior, Jesus Christ.*

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder""

(Trinity Hymnal #172)

## *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 Alternative to Sabbath Rest"

\* Exodus 32

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.*

"O Lord, by Grace Delivered"

(Trinity Hymnal #626)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*As idolatry is a salient theme of today's service, we return as we make offerings to God to a preeminent example of the opposite of idolatry: the poor widow's offering, a demonstration of giving which displayed trust in and devotion to the one true God.*

### Luke 21:1–4 <sup>ESV</sup>

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,<sup>2</sup> and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.<sup>3</sup> And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.<sup>4</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

"O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good"

(Trinity Hymnal #83 vv. 1,6)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

\* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*As we leave today, we meditate upon and sing of one of the most profound truths which God's Word expounds: that the God who loves us with an everlasting, unrelenting love causes that Love to triumph in and through all the trials and tribulations this world impinges upon us, **at His sovereign direction**, so that, in the end, the flow of our lives might be infinitely rich and full, in the ocean-depths of that Love.*

### "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 sunshines 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 lifes glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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**Benediction**



# — SERMON NOTES —

July 16, 2023

"The Alternative to Sabbath Rest"

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 32

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Introduction:

*What must we do to avoid the corruption and turmoil which contrast with Sabbath rest?*

I. We must avoid the foolishness of unfaithfulness.

A. The foolishness of impatience.

B. The foolishness of idolatry.

II. We must apply the examples of priesthood.

A. The counterexample of Aaron.

B. The model example of Moses.

C. The supreme example of Christ.

III. We must affirm the seriousness of sin.

A. To God.

B. For us.

# — 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...

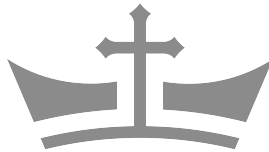
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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