



# CHRIST

## – THE KING –

The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 24, 2021

"...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 describes the enmity of sinful man against God, and the violent revolt they would mount against His rule. Its final exhortation constitutes a call to us who trust Him to give Him our joyful adoration, which we will proceed to do.*

### **Psalm 2** <sup>ESV</sup>

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

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

*We once again celebrate the sovereignty of God, which, as we shall see, constitutes that against which all sinful violence is ultimately directed.*

**"Rejoice, All People, Homage Give"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #73)*

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### **\* Reading from the Law**

*God's law forbids anything which, by extension, leads to murder, including sinful anger.*

### **Matthew 5:21–26** <sup>ESV</sup>

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*This prayer of confession centers on our sins of violence, and calls upon God as the author of peace to give us His peace, as Jesus promised (John 14:27).*

O God of peace and love, we acknowledge before you the sinful rebellion of our hearts against you, reflected in the anger, frustration, quarreling, and selfish hostility toward others which we see in our hearts. We recognize that our violence, whether internal or external, is directed toward those who are created in your image, whom we have failed to respect and love as such, and ultimately toward you. We ask that, for the sake of Christ and his saving work on our behalf, bearing the violence of sinners, and indeed your violent justice, in our place, that you would forgive us these our transgressions, and all others, and that you would give us hearts of peace, that we might experience and revel in the peace we have with you, and be peacemakers among each other as we live in your world, for we pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Peace with God is the foundation of all peace in heaven and on earth.*

#### **Romans 5:1, 2<sup>ESV</sup>**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*It is fitting that we should rejoice in the shedding of the blood of Christ, which, as the writer to the Hebrews reminds us, speaks a better word than the blood of Abel (Hebrews 12:22-24).*

**"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"**

(Trinity Hymnal #520)

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

## ***WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD***

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**Sermon**

(Mike Biggs)

**"Attacks on God: Laws about Violence" Part 2**

\* Exodus 21:12–36

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.*

## "Mercy Speaks by Jesus' Blood"

1. Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood;  
Hear and sing, ye sons of God;  
Justice satisfied indeed;  
Christ has full atonement made.
2. Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet;  
Here all Deity can meet,  
And, without a jarring voice,  
Welcome Zion to rejoice,  
Welcome Zion to rejoice.

Chorus: All her debts were cast on Me,  
And she must and shall go free.  
All her debts were cast on Me,  
And she must and shall go free.

3. Peace of conscience, peace with God,  
We obtain through Jesus' blood;  
Jesus blood speaks solid rest;  
We believe, and we are blest.  
We believe, and we are blest.(Repeat chorus)

Bridge: Should the law against her roar,  
Jesus' blood still speaks with power,  
All her debts were cast on Me,

And she must and shall go free.  
She must and shall go free.(Repeat chorus twice)

Tag: And she must and shall go free,  
And she must and shall go free,  
And she must and shall go free.

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

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### **Offering Meditation**

*Since God has "loosed our bonds," that is, all that bound us to strife, violence, and hostility to God and others, we offer in response our gifts to Him "in the presence of all His people," in the context of formal worship.*

### **Psalm 116:16–19** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

**"When All Your Mercies, O My God"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #56)*

**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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*As we leave today we rejoice in the peace of the gospel.*

**"It Is Well with My Soul"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #691)*

**Benediction**



# **SERMON NOTES**

October 24, 2021

**"Attacks on God: Laws about Violence"**

**Exodus 21:12–36**

(Mike Biggs)

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Introduction:

*How should God's laws about violence regulate our lives?*

I. They should help us *comprehend sin*.

A. Enmity toward God.

B. Pursuit of deity.

C. Necessity of vengeance.

D. Escape from guilt.

E. Attainment of dominion.

F. Hatred of authority.

G. Hope in the gospel.

II. They should help us to *appreciate salvation*.

A. As *pictures*: Israel and the Exodus.

B. As *windows*: the work of Christ.

III. They should help us to *deal with violence*.

A. Personally.

B. Societally.

## — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: