



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, October 14, 2018

“...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.

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

The facts that God has sent redemption to His people, that He remembers and has commanded His covenant, that he has given us (the Church) the inheritance of the nations because we are in Christ (cf. Psalm 2:7-9; Revelation 2:26, 27), and that He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered are all cause indeed for those to whom He has committed the task of discipling the nations to praise Him.

Psalm 111 ESV

1 Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

8 they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

The love for Christ which animates this hymn is the same that motivated Paul and his companions, and should motivate us, not only as we sing, but also as we serve His cause. Let it animate you now.

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” (Trinity Hymnal #167)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

Now as then, God still builds His dwelling place (the Tabernacle/ Temple of the Church) through persons gifted by His Spirit to do various tasks. His gifts create responsibilities for us.

Exodus 31:1-11 ESV

¹ The Lord said to Moses, ² “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, ⁴ to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵ in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. ⁶ And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷ the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, ⁸ the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, ⁹ and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, ¹⁰ and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests, ¹¹ and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do.”

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We focus in this confession on our squandering of God's love, especially of His gifts, as we commit ourselves to repentance and faith, asking God for the grace which produces them.

Corporate Confession: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The salvation proscribed by the word “gospel” is not exhausted by the concept of salvation from the guilt of sin, but envisions nothing less than conformity to “the stature of the fullness of Christ,” an encouraging prospect and promise indeed.

Ephesians 4:7-16 ESV

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” ⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for

building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

* Hymn of Assurance

We must remember that, as Jesus has been enthroned, we are “seated with Him in the heavenly realms” (Ephesians 2:6), even now.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Trinity Hymnal #295)

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

We hear instruction from the Lord

Sermon

“Essential Qualities for Effective Disciplemaking” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 18:18-28 ESV

¹⁸After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. ¹⁹And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. ²¹But on taking leave of them he said, “I will return to you if God wills,” and he set sail from Ephesus. ²²When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. ²³After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples. ²⁴Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. ²⁵He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, ²⁸for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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.

“Psalm 128”

1. Blessed the man that fears Jehovah
And that walketh in His ways.
Thou shalt eat of thy hands' labor;
And be prospered all thy days.
2. Like a vine with fruit abounding
In thy house thy wife is found
And like olive plants, thy children
Compassing thy table 'round
3. Lo, on him that fears Jehovah
Shall this blessedness attend
For Jehovah, out of Zion,
Shall to thee His blessings send
4. Thou shalt see Jerus'lem prosper
All thy days 'til life shall cease
Thou shalt see thy children's children
Unto Israel be peace.
5. Blessed the man that fears Jehovah
And that walketh in His ways.
Lo, on him that fears Jehovah
Shall this blessedness attend.

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“Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee” (Trinity Hymnal #471)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Christ's gift included His "descent," His humiliation, including His incarnation, but also His death. Considering what He was willing to give should make us all the more willing to give in response

Ephesians 4:7-10 ESV

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." ⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

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

For the Church to fulfill its mission, we must look to God to provide the vision necessary both for understanding of and motivation for that mission. We close our worship today praying for exactly that.

* “Be Thou My Vision” (Trinity Hymnal #642)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

October 14, 2018

“Essential Qualities for Effective Disciplemaking” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 18:18-28

Introduction:

What qualities are necessary for the Church to be effective in making disciples?

- I. Effective disciplemaking requires a *variety of persons*.
 - A. Personalities.

- B. Gifts.

II. Effective discipling requires a *submission to God*.

A. Faithfulness.

B. Availability.

C. Teachability

- III. Effective discipling requires a *commitment to nurture*.
 - A. A common misconception.

- B. A wholistic ministry.

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: