



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, November 1, 2020

"...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.

The nursery is currently understaffed.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Although the original addressees of these commands were the priests and Levites of the Old Testament, their application today is to all "who stand...in the house of the Lord." That house (the Temple) now being fulfilled in the Church, in whom corporately dwells the Spirit of God, the commands are addressed to all Christians, who through faith are united to Christ's body by the same Spirit.

Psalm 134:1, 2 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
² Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who has by His grace made us partakers in the blessings that come to us through our participation in Zion, the City of God.

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

(Trinity Hymnal #342)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We have seen before how Jerusalem, the place where the Temple was, was, just as was that Temple, a type of the covenant people of God, the Church. The commands in verses 6-9 to pray for and seek the prosperity of the Church (Jerusalem), both explicit and implicit, thus apply to all Christians today.

Psalm 122 ESV

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- ² Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- ³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
⁴ to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- ⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!"
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"
- ⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In today's confession, we focus on sins related to our relationship to fellow Christians and our participation in the Church.

Oh Covenant Lord, who has called out a people for your very own, loved them and given yourself for them, and lavished upon them the abundant gifts of your grace, we confess our self-centered failure to love our neighbors as ourselves, thereby expressing our lack of love to you, our Creator. But today we especially lament our sin in failing in our even greater responsibility to love our covenant brothers and sisters, fellow members of Christ's body, the Church. We have hated some of them in our minds, thus murdering them in our hearts. We have gossiped, slandered, and stolen from them. We have cast unfair aspersions on them so as to place ourselves in the best light. We have sacrificed their reputations in order to make a name for ourselves. We have committed adultery in our hearts with their spouses, and coveted their possessions and talents. We have envied their prosperity and delighted in their adversity. We have utterly failed to support them, enhance their material and spiritual good, sacrificially meet their needs, and encourage them in their trials. All this we have done because we have in our hearts the seeds of constant sin and rebellion, and deserve your wrath and curse. But oh our God, we despise these our sins, and repent once again of them, seeking the grace freely given to us in your Son, who gave His life to redeem us and all these, whom we have failed to love as He did, from our sins and their ultimate penalty. Grant us forgiveness we pray, not because we have earned it, but because of your steadfast love. For the sake of your great Name, give us the grace we need, according to the power that you work in us, your people, to demonstrate your beauty to a watching world as we renew and express in deeds of love and mercy our commitment to each other, and through it our love and commitment to you, that all may know that you alone are Lord of Heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

It is not the shadows of the Old Testament which are the ultimate basis of our confidence before God, but in the realities of which they speak, which all are summed up in Jesus Christ and His work.

Hebrews 12:18–24 ^{ESV}

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Beautiful images from the book of Revelation's description of the Church in terms of Old Testament themes provide the substance of our celebration of the salvation bestowed upon God's people as mediated through the body of Christ.

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

(Trinity Hymnal #345)

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

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 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

Sermon

"The Fellowship of Suffering"

(Mike Biggs)

* | Peter 5:12–14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

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.

"Together" / Psalm 33

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- 1 Look, how good and pleasant it is
When brothers dwell together
When brothers dwell together
In unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil poured
On the head and flowing down
To the hair of Aaron's beard,
To the corner of his robes.

3 It is like Mount Hermon's dew
On Zion's mountain flowing down,
For that is where the LORD commanded the blessing,
Life forevermore!

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

We are reminded by Paul's note of thankfulness for the gifts sent by the Philippian church to support him in his missionary work that such offerings are "a fellowship (partnership, sharing) in the gospel," which is what all of our offerings, especially those offered in worship, are before God.

Philippians 1:3–5 ^{ESV}

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

(Trinity Hymnal #359)

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

We fittingly close our time in I Peter, a time of reflection and instruction on the faithful endurance of suffering and trials for the sake of Jesus, with a hymn that praises God and looks to the Day when all the saints, who even now enjoy communion with each other, having fought the good fight, shall triumphantly sing the praises of the Triune God who is the source of their eventual and inevitable victory and inheritance.

"For All the Saints"

(Trinity Hymnal #358)

Benediction