

CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, October 11, 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

This psalm calls us to rejoice and praise the God who reigns, because his reign assures us that He will establish justice, vindicate the righteous, and punish all those who do wickedness and oppress His people.

Psalm 97 ESV

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

- ¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We now begin to obey our call to worship today as we sing praise to God for His justice and faithfulness to be a refuge for His people.

"O Lord Most High, with All My Heart"

(Trinity Hymnal #48)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

In these verses we see represented an ungodly response to trial by the people of God, and its disastrous result. This reveals to us how important it is to respond to trials in godly and faithful ways, trusting God to fulfill His promises, and committing ourselves to righteousness.

Numbers 14:1–24^{ESV}

Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. ² And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" ⁴ And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the

assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel. ⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.” ¹⁰ Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? ¹² I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

¹³ But Moses said to the LORD, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them, ¹⁴ and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O LORD, are in the midst of this people. For you, O LORD, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵ Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, ¹⁶ ‘It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.’ ¹⁷ And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, ¹⁸ ‘The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ ¹⁹ Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.”

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “I have pardoned, according to your

word.²¹ But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD,²² none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice,²³ shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it.²⁴ But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

Silent Confession of Sin Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession is appropriate for our service today because it addresses the attitudes that contribute to an unfaithful response to trials, especially our mistaken belief that we know the course of life that will result in true blessing, against the course which God has ordained for us, which includes trials. It concludes with a prayer that we might have power to live in a way that glorifies God's name, which is the revelation of all that He is.

O Most merciful Father, Who gives life to everything that breathes and Whose eyes are too pure to gaze upon iniquity, we lay before You our sin and uncleanness in utter shame and humiliation. In direct defiance of our continuing debt to live unto You, acknowledge You, serve You and obey You, we have turned into ourselves and to our own way, pursuing our own ends as if we could create our own meaning, so rendering ourselves liable to Your just wrath and the penalty of death. We despise our ways, but confess that we are utterly powerless to change them or to please You truly to any degree. But we remember that You have declared Yourself to be the gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. We thus cast ourselves upon Your mercy, believing Your precious promise that those who come to You You will in no wise cast out. We

know and trust that, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, You will not only forgive both our sins and our sin, but also grant us power like unto that by which You raised Him from the dead to walk in newness of life, not for the sake of any merit which we obtain thereby, but solely for the glory of the Name which is above every name, in which we offer this our prayer. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The gospel gives us power to live in a way that blesses us, despite our outward circumstances.

I Peter 2:21–25 ^{ESV}

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The cross represents the epitome of the principle that blessing comes through suffering, and Jesus goes before us as the model of the truth of that maxim.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(Trinity Hymnal #252)

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

"Trials: An Overview of Faithful Response"

(Mike Biggs)

* 1 Peter 4:12–19

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.

"It Is Well with My Soul"

(Trinity Hymnal #691)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Sharing what we have, especially when it is sharing with God what comes from Him, is an expression of the conviction that blessing comes from giving, and of trust in God to provide what we lack.

Hebrews 13:16 ^{ESV}

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

"It Is Well with My Soul"

(See Communion)

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

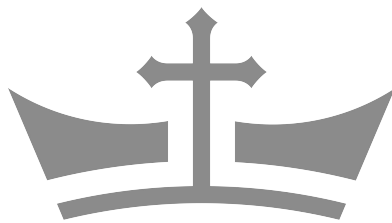
WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship with an exhortation to each other to rejoice because Jesus will come to make all things right, whether temporally through the building of His Church, or ultimately at the Last Day.

"Rejoice, All Ye Believers"

(Trinity Hymnal #320)

Benediction



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