



The Lord's Day, January 10, 2016

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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 gray 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.

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Because our salvation is grounded in our union with a Savior who has ascended to heaven and is there now, and since our weekly corporate worship is an ascension in the Spirit to that throne

room of God, we take much of our Scripture today, including this responsive call to worship, from that picture of heavenly worship given to us in Revelation 4 and 5. In preparation you might read the description in Revelation to get a feel for the back-and-forth antiphony that is characteristic of biblical worship, and of the speakers in this exchange and their context.

Revelation 4, 5 ^{ESV}

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Congregation: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created!

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

All: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Our opening hymn, though perhaps unfamiliar to most of us, nevertheless is a very appropriate expression of our praise today since its theme is the union of Christ with His Church and His filling of it, depicted in Revelation 1-3 by the seven lampstands and Christ walking among them. This is also a major theme in our sermon text today.

“He Walks Among the Golden Lamps” (Trinity Hymnal #315)

We Receive New Members into Our Covenant Community

Baptism of Esther, Zadok, Elizabeth, Salome, Moses, Nathaniel, and Thaddaeus McPherson

Reading from the Law

This passage, depicting the gifting of certain individuals in the community of Israel with skill to build the tabernacle, the prototype of the later Temple, speaks by way of type to us in the New Covenant community, who are gifted by the ascended Christ, as we shall see today, to build the true Temple, the Church, and obligates us to be about using our resources and gifts to do it.

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

It is God who gives us the grace not only to be forgiven, but to live as the people of God. Therefore we cry to Him for mercy through song today.

“A Sinner’s Cry”

1. Hear, gracious God, a sinner’s cry
For I have nowhere else to fly
My hope, my only hope’s in Thee
O God, be merciful to me
To Thee I come, a sinner poor
And wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed, I’ve nowhere else to flee
O God, be merciful to me
2. To Thee I come, a sinner weak
And scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free
O God, be merciful to me!
To Thee I come, a sinner vile
Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
Mercy, through blood, I make my plea
O God, be merciful to me
3. To Thee I come, a sinner great
And well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee
O God, be merciful to me
To Thee I come, a sinner lost
Nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art, Lord, I would be
O God be merciful to me
4. To glory bring me, Lord, at last
And there, when all my fears are past
With all Thy saints, then, I’ll agree
God has been merciful to me

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We needn't despair over our failure to fulfill our covenant obligations and consequent presumption that we will never experience the covenant blessings, because our King has fulfilled all our obligations and secured the blessings of His covenant for us. If He had not said it, it would be almost too wonderful to be true.

Revelation 5:1-10 ESV

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Hymn of Assurance

The title of this beautiful hymn links its message to our service and its theme(s), by reminding us that everything truly important in this life occurs before God's throne, and through the singing of it we rejoice that it is there that Christ has won our everlasting and secure place.

“Before the Throne of God Above”

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is “Love”
Who ever lives and pleads for me

*My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin

*Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.*

3. Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!

*One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.*

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

“God’s Grand Game-Plan” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:11-13 ESV

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to 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.

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.

"Jesus with Thy Church Abide"

1. Jesus, with Thy church abide;
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
2. Keep her life and doctrine pure;
Grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure:
We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
3. May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,

Winning all to faith in Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

4. May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

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We respond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Just as the Old Testament sanctuary was built with gifts from the people of God, so the New Testament sanctuary, the Church, is built with resources given to God as an act of worship. Here is your opportunity today to participate in this aspect of worship.

Exodus 25:1, 2, 8 ^{ESV}

¹ The LORD said to Moses, ² “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. ⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.

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 depart today with a hymn on our lips that expresses our confidence and belief in the unity that our union with Christ has achieved, and our participation in the triumph of the body which is blessed with that unity.

“The Church’s One Foundation”

1. The church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. The church shall never perish, Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, She ever shall prevail
5. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.
6. Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

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Benediction

VISION

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)

Core Values (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

How can you be a part of all this?



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SERMON NOTES

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“God’s Grand Game-Plan” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:11-13

Introduction:

How has God ordained that His goal of Christ filling all things be realized?

- I. God’s goal is initiated by application of the Word of God, v. 11.
 - A. Ministers of the Word.

- B. Equippers of the saints.

II. God's goal is enabled by activation of the people of God, v. 12.

A. Ministry is corporate.

B. Growth is corporate.

III. God's goal is achieved by aspiration toward the image of God, v. 13.

A. The importance of unity.

B. The importance of the knowledge.

C. The importance of aspiration.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: