



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, January 10, 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

Prelude

Call to Worship

This call to worship centers around the "name" of the Lord, which is the sum of all that He is. The supreme expression of the Name is the person of Jesus Christ, as we shall see. But notice how this Name is expounded in the rest of the psalm, with the emphasis upon the meekness (gentleness) and lowliness of God. Remind you of anything? [Hint: look at Matthew 11:28–30.]

Psalm 113 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
- ² Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
- ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
⁶ who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
- ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸ to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
- ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

This hymn expresses unbounded exuberance in the worship and adoration of Jesus our Lord.

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

(Trinity Hymnal #167)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The premise behind the command to the rulers of the earth to "Kiss the Son" is the fact that God has ordained that every human being's relationship to Him be determined by what he does with Jesus Christ. The command expresses our obligation to embrace Him fully and acknowledge that He is the only way to God.

Psalm 2:10–12 ^{ESV}

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Although this psalm contains acknowledgement of sin, its main theme is prayer for deliverance from enemies, which include sin, death, and Satan. These are the enemies from which the work of Christ delivers us who trust in Him, as we shall see.

Responsive reading, Psalm 69

(Trinity Hymnal p. 809)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Eternal life is a matter of having Jesus Christ. Receiving Him is the way to it, and He is received through simple faith (trust).

1 John 5:10–12 ^{ESV}

Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar; because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the all-encompassing adequacy of Jesus for those whom He has saved.

"Jesus, the Lord, My Savior Is"

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.
 2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.
- Chorus:** Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.
3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.
 4. Worthy the Lamb, shall be my song,
For He for me was slain;
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, Amen. (Repeat chorus)

(Repeat verse 1)

2001 Same Old Dress Music (ASCAP).

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 Centrality of Jesus Christ"

(Mike Biggs)

* 2 Peter 1:1, 2

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.

"Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding"

*1. Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding!
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;
Tis a deep that knows no sounding;
Who its breadth or length can tell?
On its glories,
Let my soul for ever dwell.*

*2. What from Christ that soul can sever,
Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him for ever;
Thus the eternal covenant stands.
None shall take Thee
From the Strength of Israels hands.*

*3. Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus,
Long ere time its race begun;
To His name eternal praises;
O what wonders love has done!
One with Jesus,
By eternal union one.*

4. *On such love, my soul, still ponder,
Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder,
Why, O Lord, such love to me?
Hallelujah!
Grace shall reign*

*Tag: Hallelujah!
Grace shall reign
Hallelujah!
Grace shall reign eternally.*

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God so loved...that He gave." And so must we, if we love in response to His love. Giving is not only, or even primarily, of monetary offerings in formal worship, but that is one way we express our love to Christ.

John 3:16 ^{ESV}

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

"Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding"

(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

*Let us as we leave once more express our love and appreciation
for our Lord and Savior.*

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #170)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

January 10, 2021

"The Centrality of Jesus Christ"

(Mike Biggs)

2 Peter 1: 1,2

Introduction:

How is Jesus Christ central to our relationship with God and to everything truly "Christian"?

I. Jesus Christ establishes the *veracity* of our *knowledge* of God, v. 1a.

A. Apostolicity and Christ.

B. Servanthood and Christ.

II. Jesus Christ establishes the *security* of our *standing with* God, v. 1 b.

A. A faith obtained

B. A faith approved.

C. A faith secured.

III. Jesus Christ establishes the *growth* of our *life in God*, v. 2.

A. The meaning of eternal life.

B. The experience of eternal life.

C. The progress of eternal life.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: