

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, November 15, 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 celebrates, and calls us to celebrate, the righteousness of God, expressed in His judgments and guidance, and applied in both beauty and power, thereby provoking awe and fear. It is an appropriate image of God to keep in mind as we approach His Word today.

Psalm 48 ESV

- ¹ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
His holy mountain, ² beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.
- ³ Within her citadels God
has made himself known as a fortress.
- ⁴ For behold, the kings assembled;
they came on together.
- ⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic; they took to flight.
- ⁶ Trembling took hold of them there,
anguish as of a woman in labor.
- ⁷ By the east wind you shattered
the ships of Tarshish.
- ⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God will establish forever. Selah
- ⁹ We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

¹⁰ As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad!
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!
¹² Walk about Zion, go around her,
number her towers,
¹³ consider well her ramparts,
go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
¹⁴ that this is God,
our God forever and ever.
He will guide us forever.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

We praise God for, among other things, His just and righteous judgment of wickedness, His protection and deliverance of the oppressed and helpless, and His certain salvation of all who trust in Him.

"O Lord Most High, with All My Heart"

(Trinity Hymnal #48)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

*** Reading from the Law**

We see here the fundamental nature of the sinfulness of coveting, not only because it is one of the "top ten," but also because this command, with the first, bookends the Ten Commandments by addressing the same issue in different terms.

Deuteronomy 5:21 ^{ESV}

"And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Ephesians 5:5 ^{ESV}

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Silent Confession of Sin **Corporate Confession of Sin**

This hymn expresses well the helplessness we feel and the consequent dependence upon God's mercy to which we are driven when we see the depth of our sin manifested in individual sins like covetousness.

"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

TAG: God has been merciful to me

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ultimate redemption comes through Christ, to those upon whom God has chosen to bestow this blessing by His grace.

Ephesians 1:3–8 ^{ESV}

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in

the Beloved.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We celebrate both the irony and the beauty of God's grace to His enemies in the well known and beloved hymn, but to a new tune.

"Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"

(hymn of the month)

Alas and did my savior bleed
Did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a fool as I?

Chorus: The strangeness of love,
my life in Your death
In Your brokenness
my wholeness revealed
Your bonds are my freedom,
Your sorrow my song
And by Your wounds I am healed

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give my self away
'Tis all that I can do.

TAG: And by Your wounds I am healed.

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

"Discernment in the Midst of Judgment"

(Mike Biggs)

* Micah 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.

"My God My Father, Blissful Name"

1. My God, my Father, blissful name
Oh may I call Thee mine?
May I with sweet assurance claim
A portion so divine?
This only can my fears control
And bid my sorrows fly;
What harm can ever reach my soul
Beneath my Father's eye?
2. Whate'er Thy providence denies
I calmly would resign
For Thou art just, and good, and wise
O bend my will to Thine
Whate'er Thy sacred will ordains
O give me strength to bear;
And let me know my Father reigns
And trust His tender care

3. If pain and sickness rend this frame
And life almost depart
Is not Thy mercy still the same
To cheer my drooping heart
If cares and sorrows me surround
Their power why should I fear?
My inward peace they cannot wound
If Thou, my God, art near

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The antidote to covetousness is to set our minds and hope on heavenly things rather than the things of this world, a practice which fuels our giving to His kingdom.

Matthew 6:19–21 ESV

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

(Trinity Hymnal #664)

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

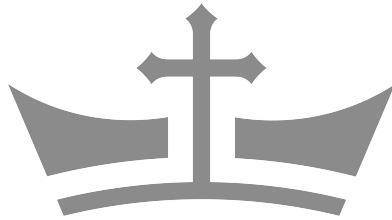
WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We depart today with a traditional Thanksgiving hymn, built around the theme of gathering, which, as we have seen today, is part of God's promise to His people, and for which we pray as we sing.

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

(Trinity Hymnal #715)

Benediction



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