



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 26, 2023

"...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

Call to Worship

Our call to worship today gives expression to our thankfulness to God for His kind mercy and attention to our needs, which, interestingly enough, are expressed by His commitment to His Word and its revelation of Himself (His Name), which are the means of His greatest blessings. We also are reminded of the fundamental incentive to worship: the willingness of God to draw near to the lowly, in terms of the backdrop of His transcendent majesty.

Psalm 138:1–6 *ESV*

Leader: *Let us worship the Lord!*

Congregation:

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

Men:

² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

Women:

³ On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

All:

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We celebrate God's faithfulness to us, expressed in the countless kindnesses we see every day and throughout our lives.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #32)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The faithfulness and steadfast love of the Lord should be a constant source of inspiration to gratitude and thanksgiving to Him.

Psalm 136:1--3 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ² Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Servants look to the hands of their masters in acknowledgement that everything they have comes from that source. In the same way, as we appeal to god for mercy in our sin, we seek relief from the temporal disdain we have already received from a watching world, and again acknowledge God's goodness to us, which gives us hope as we appeal to Him for mercy.

Responsive reading, Psalm 123

(Trinity Hymnal p. 831)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God in Christ understands our weakness and our need for mercy, and is accordingly not only able, but also willing, to meet our need.

Hebrews 4:14–16 ^{ESV}

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let

us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

"Come, Ye Sinner"

*1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.*

*2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.*

*3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.*

*4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.*

*5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.*

*We celebrate the mercy of God to
sinners, which all of us are.*

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, and 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

(Mike Biggs)

"The Jesus You Can Know (XI)—'Some Things about Which Jesus Cares: A Thanksgiving Meditation'"

* Luke 17:11–19

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 and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

"O Lord, I Love You, My Shield, My Tower" (Trinity Hymnal #620)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is our perception of just how much we have been forgiven that empowers and undergirds our willingness to give; our problem, all too often, is that we do not appreciate how much that really is.

Luke 7:40–47 ESV

And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher:"

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

"More Love to Thee, O Christ" (Trinity Hymnal #649)

Presentation of Offerings (See Communion)

* **Doxology** (Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We depart today with a tribute, penned by Andre Crouch in 1971, making it our tribute as well, to the God who has saved and raised us through faith in His Son.

"My Tribute"

(Trinity Hymnal #640)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Jesus You Can Know (XI)—“Some Things about Which Jesus Cares: A Thanksgiving Meditation” (Mike Biggs)

Luke 17:11-19

Introduction:

What Things Does This Passage Illuminate As Important to Jesus?

I. Jesus Cares about *the Law of God*.

A. Implications for obedience.

B. Implications for the Sacraments.

II. Jesus cares about *gratitude*.

A. Because it honors God.

B. Because it motivates godliness.

III. Jesus cares about *covenant*.

A. The powerful incentive of covenant membership.

B. The despicable ugliness of covenant rebellion.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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...

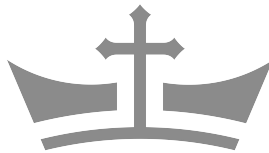
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

CoreValues (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



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