



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, January 13, 2019

“...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.

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.

** Indicates congregational standing*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm calls each of us to worship by reminding us individually that the one who does great wonders for his people is the one who does great wonders for me.

Psalm 103:1–7 ^{ESV}

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Trinity Hymnal #100)

W e A c k n o w L e d g e O u r S i n

* Reading from the Law

Paul makes this remark near the end of a discussion of Christian liberty which puts the entire question in a different light. But his comment also has broad application to the Christian life: Do we actively seek to glorify God, even in what appear to be the mundane moments and choices of our lives?

1 Corinthians 10:31 ^{ESV}

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Echoing the words of David, we together confess our sins and ask that God would grant us help to walk in holiness, as he has promised.

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the
snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

We Rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Continuing in the psalm that called us to worship, we find a powerful image of forgiveness. The north and south poles are a fixed distance from one another, but one can continue traveling east or west indefinitely.

Psalm 103:8–14 ESV

- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
14 For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

* Hymn of Assurance

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (Trinity Hymnal #172)

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

The minister will lead us in prayer and praise, taking requests from individuals. We will conclude with the Lord's Prayer (thou/trespases).

We heAr inStruction from the Lord

Sermon

“O Give Thanks to the Lord” (Tony Pyles)

* Psalm 107 ^{ESV}

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- 5 hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

9 For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
prisoners in affliction and in irons,

11 for they had rebelled against the words of God,
and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;
they fell down, with none to help.

13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and burst their bonds apart.

15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze
and cuts in two the bars of iron.

17 Some were fools through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

18 they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.

21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

23 Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;

24 they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.

25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;

27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.
28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
29 He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
34 a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the evil of its inhabitants.
35 He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.
36 And there he lets the hungry dwell,
and they establish a city to live in;
37 they sow fields and plant vineyards
and get a fruitful yield.
38 By his blessing they multiply greatly,
and he does not let their livestock diminish.
39 When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, evil, and sorrow,
40 he pours contempt on princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;
41 but he raises up the needy out of affliction
and makes their families like flocks.
42 The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Paul here commends to the Corinthian church the example of their Macedonian brothers and sisters, who despite their poverty match their abundance of joy with an abundance of giving to meet the needs of the wider church.

2 Corinthians 8:1–7 ESV

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

Presentation of Offerings

“To God Be the Glory” (Trinity Hymnal #55)

* 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

* “Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth” (Trinity Hymnal #614)

Benediction

