



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, January 26, 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.

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 call to worship is actually an exchange taken from the worship in heaven portrayed in the book of Revelation. The call itself is implied from the worthiness proclaimed by the twenty-four elders, who represent the Church assembled for worship.

Revelation 4 ^{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.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for His sovereignty over all that He has made, which gives us comfort and confidence in the face of evil and sin as we live in this world.

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

(Trinity Hymnal #75)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We are commanded here as the people of God not to fear those who do not know God in our conflict with them, since God is completely in control of them as well as us, and has promised to subdue them under His powerful hand.

Deuteronomy 7:17-24 ESV

¹⁷ “If you say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?’ ¹⁸ you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, ¹⁹ the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. ²⁰ Moreover, the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed. ²¹ You shall not be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. ²² The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. ²³ But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. ²⁴ And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In our confession today we acknowledge not only our depravity, but also our responsibility for it, and appeal to God for mercy which not only pardons but also enables future obedience.

Corporate Confession: Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, Oh Lord! With heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true repentance beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress.

Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Christ has not only overcome our depravity by resurrecting us spiritually, but also overcome our most formidable spiritual enemies, in a way which publicly demonstrated the invincibility of His glorious sovereignty.

Colossians 2:13-15 ^{ESV}

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the triumph of our Lord Jesus and its result for us, the purging of our sins and a share in His victory over sin and death.

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

(Trinity Hymnal #310)

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

"A Picture of Depravity"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Exodus 9 ^{ESV}

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.

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"

(Trinity Hymnal #498)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

To recognize that God is the One who has given all that we have is one aspect of ascribing to Him the glory due His name. That is why the psalmist in this context exhorts God's people to bring an offering to the place of worship and publicly acknowledge both His provision and His glory as our King.

Psalm 96:8 ^{ESV}

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

"When All Thy Mercies"

I. When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise
Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From Whom those comforts flowed.

CHORUS:

Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise
For oh, eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise!

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast
Thou With health renewed my face
And when in sins and sorrow sunk
Renewed my soul with grace
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.

(Repeat chorus)

3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.
(Repeat chorus)

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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 close our worship today confessing the bottom line for us as believers in light of our natural depravity, which is the hope that we have in Jesus, who loves our souls, depraved as they have been, and, as we sing in the third verse here, in contrast to us who are full of sin, is full of truth and grace which is greater than all our sin, and overcomes it to bring us to glory. Express your love for your Savior and Lord freely and without reservation as you sing these precious words.

* "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
 Let me to Thy bosom fly,
 While the nearer waters roll,
 While the tempest still is high.
 Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
 'Til life's storm is past;
 Safe into the haven guide;
 Receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,
 I helpless, hang on Thee;
 Leave, oh leave me not alone,
 Support and comfort me.
 All my trust on Thee is stayed,
 All help from Thee I bring;
 Cover my defenseless head
 In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
 Here more than all I find;
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
 Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Just and holy is Thy Name,
 I am all unrighteousness;
 False and full of sin I am;
 Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

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Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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“A Picture of Depravity”
Exodus 9

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What does this chapter demonstrate about the depravity of the natural man?

I. Human influence cannot change natural depravity.

A. Hardness of heart.

B. Attrition vs. contrition.

II. God has a purpose for human depravity.

A. God's omnipotence.

B. God's glory.

III. Sinners are responsible for natural depravity.

A. God's warning.

B. God's hardening.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: