



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, December 9, 2018

“...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*

Prelude

Call to Worship

This call to worship in many ways mirrors the content of Mary's Song in our sermon text for today, echoing its celebration of God's works on behalf of His people and their covenantal basis, providing ample motivation for His vigorous praise.

Psalm 111 ESV

1 Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

8 they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We reflect as we sing on the incredible truth that the Almighty Creator and Ruler of the universe entered into created reality as a baby to redeem that creation. Such an act indeed invokes our ceaseless praise.

“All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord” (Trinity Hymnal #219)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

Our covenantally faithful Lord keeps His covenant and blesses those who keep the covenant, loving Him and obeying His commands, though it is by His grace that we are enabled to do this. The command here is to “know” these things, that is, to live in light of the fact that, no matter whether our current circumstances seem to confirm it or not, God is blessing those who love Him, in ALL of their circumstances, and in ways they cannot fathom, expressing our love to Him in confident and unwavering obedience.

Deuteronomy 7:9 ^{ESV}

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The magnitude of God's work of redemption requires such a prayer as this which we offer today.

Corporate Confession: O Lord our God, who has demonstrated your divine humility and your steadfast love to us your people by sending your only Son to redeem us from all wickedness and to preserve us as a people for your own possession, we earnestly pray that you would forgive our sins and transgressions against the very purpose of your grace: to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, that we might be eager to do what is good. Cleanse us, we pray, not only from the guilt of our sins, but also from the corruption from which they spring, and work in us that true obedience and righteousness from the heart that both blesses us and glorifies you, that all people might know that you are the Lord, that your Name might be known in all the earth. For in that matchless Name, the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our sermon text for today is amplified and corroborated in Zechariah's song and prophecy, which together constitute a fitting response of praise to the wonder of the gospel of Christ.

Luke 1:68-75 ^{ESV}

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

* Hymn of Assurance

This beautiful hymn amply both rehearses the significance of Christ's coming and expresses the proper response to it. Use it as you sing to proclaim the fullness of your heart.

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices” (Trinity Hymnal #217)

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

We hear instruction from the Lord

Sermon

“Mary the Chosen One” (Rev. Jonathan Dorst)

* Luke 1:46-55 ESV

⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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.

“Arise, O Lord Our God, Arise” (Trinity Hymnal #374)

“Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God” (Trinity Hymnal #11)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The proper response to the coming of the King is to present to Him tribute in form of gifts to honor and recognize His kingdom. We do this through our tithes and offerings today.

Matthew 2:11 ESV

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

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 with a hymn that tells a story, a story that does not end with a birth in a lowly stable, but with the glorious triumph of Christ the King, and the consummation of the salvation of His people.

* "Once in Royal David's City" (Trinity Hymnal #225)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: