

CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, February 14, 2021

"...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

Prelude

Call to Worship

This call to worship highlights the worthiness of God to receive our praise, the folly of not fearing Him, and the blessedness of doing so.

Psalm 115:1–13 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
- ² Why should the nations say,
"Where is their God?"
- ³ Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.
- ⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
- ⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.
- ⁶ They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.
- ⁷ They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
- ⁸ Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.
- ⁹ O Israel, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹¹ You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹² The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;
¹³ he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We sing the psalm of our call to worship set to music as we celebrate the sovereignty of the God who will not tolerate failure to acknowledge Him and take His Word seriously.

"Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #67)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The role of God's people with respect to unbelievers, throughout redemptive history, has never been to pronounce condemnation, which is solely God's right, but rather both to embody and to proclaim the character of the God of grace, who demonstrates His kindness constantly to all He has made (cf. II Corinthians 5:18-20).

2 Kings 6:18–23 ^{ESV}

¹⁸ And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. ¹⁹ And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰ As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the LORD opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

²¹ As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My

father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?" ²² He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." ²³ So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.

Silent Confession of Sin Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession and prayer for mercy includes a prayer for vindication in the face of the ridicule and threats of God's and the psalmist's enemies.

Responsive reading, Psalm 143

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We see here an affirmation of the gospel as the rationale for the calling of believers toward unbelievers: that we proclaim the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:21 ^{ESV}

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Having seen the transcendent love and grace of God in Christ for sinners, we celebrate the implications for us who realize our sin as well, who have availed ourselves through faith of that grace.

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

I Jesus, I am resting, resting
in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee,
as thy beauty fills my soul,
for by thy transforming power,
thou hast made me whole. [Refrain]

2 O how great thy loving-kindness,
vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous thy goodness
lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved,
know what wealth of grace is thine,
know thy certainty of promise
and have made it mine. [Refrain]

3 Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold thee as thou art,
and thy love, so pure, so changeless,
satisfies my heart;
satisfies its deepest longings,
meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
compasseth me round with blessings:
thine is love indeed. [Refrain]

4 Ever lift thy face upon me
as I work and wait for thee;
resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus,
earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
sunshine of my Father's face,
keep me ever trusting, resting,
fill me with thy grace. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Jesus, I am resting, resting
in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
of thy loving heart.

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

"Challenges to the Church Part II: The Enemy Without" (Mike Biggs)

* II Peter 3

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.

"Give Reviving"

1. Father for Thy, promised blessing,
Still we plead before Thy throne
For the times of, sweet refreshing,
Which can come from Thee alone
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given,
But in these we would not rest
Blessings still with, Thee are hidden,
Pour them forth and make us blest!

2. Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever,
Answer! Father, answer prayer
Bless oh bless each, weak endeavor,
Blood-bought pardon to declare
Wake Thy slumbering, children wake them,
Bid them to Thy harvest go
Blessings O our, Father make,
Round their steps let blessings flow

3. Let no people be forgotten,
Let Thy showers on all descend
That in one loud blessed anthem,
Millions may in triumph blend
Give reviving, give refreshing,
Give the looked-for Jubilee
To Thyself may, crowds be pressing,
Bringing glory unto Thee

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The love of Christ compels not only our witness but also our giving.

2 Corinthians 5:14, 15 ESV

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642, verse 4)

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

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

As we depart today, we offer a prayer in song for Christ to come and consummate the work that He has done, bringing salvation to all who have hoped for His coming, and judgment to those who have refused to acknowledge its reality.

"Rejoice, All Ye Believers"

(Trinity Hymnal #320)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

February 14, 2021

“Challenges to the Church Part II: The Enemy Without”

(Mike Biggs)

II Peter 3

Introduction:

What must believers understand about self-identified non-Christians to meet their challenges?

I. We must understand the *character of unbelievers' fervent opposition*, vv. 1-7.

A. Fatuous disrespect.

B. Presumptuous confidence.

C. Willful ignorance.

II. We must understand *the reason for God's apparent delay*, vv. 8-10.

A. The point of Peter's analogy.

B. The implications of God's patience.

III. We must understand *the components of our appropriate response*, vv. 11-18.

A. Holiness.

B. Hope.

C. Growth.

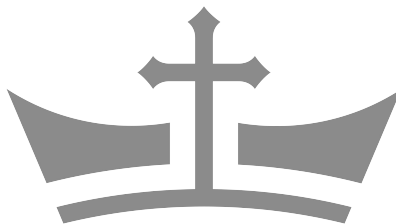
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Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:



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