



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, February 14, 2016

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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 gray 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.

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm expresses the adoration of God which is a mark of the new life that he gives as it calls us to worship Him.

Psalm 146 ^{ESV}

Leader:

¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Congregation:

² *I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Leader:

³ Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
⁴ When this breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.
⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
⁹ The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

*We begin our worship today with a hymn of praise embodying the
enthralment with God that the new life He gives entails, as we
shall see.*

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Trinity Hymnal #164)

Reading from the Law

Another way to summarize what God requires of His people, as expressed in this passage, is intoxication with God and His ways, of which we will hear much today.

Deuteronomy 10:12, 13 ^{ESV}

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Intoxication with God often involves expectantly and anxiously watching for the fulfillment of His promises, including redemption from and forgiveness of sin, as this psalm portrays.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 130; Trinity Hymnal pg. 833

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Notice that the reason for which God has made us into a new people is so that we might declare His praises.

1 Peter 2:9, 10 ^{ESV}

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn of Assurance

As the refrain of this hymn proclaims, “Eternity’s too short to utter all [God’s] praise.” Therefore, as we shall see in today’s sermon, our life must overflow with praise as we live in the light of his abundant mercy to us.

“When All Thy Mercies”

1. 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.

*CH: 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.

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

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

““The New People’s Life, Part II-B: Nuts, Bolts, and Perspectives”
(continued)” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:25-5:21 ESV

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer

steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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, (**or universal*)
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.
3. I'll love Thee in life, and I'll love Thee in death,
I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright;
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

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“To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue”

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue Its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face And on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace And all His triumphs tell
2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned Upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned His lips with grace overflow

No mortal can with Him compare Among the sons of men
Fairer He is than all the fair That fill the Heavenly train

3. He saw me plunged in deep distress He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross And carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours Upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours And guards my sleeping bed
4. To Him I owe my life and breath And all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death And saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God And makes my joy complete
5. Since from His bounty I receive Such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give Lord, they should all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose A worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody Our hearts can't help but sing!

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The proper response to God's abundant goodness to us includes the public (not simply private!) presentation of offerings to Him as an act of worship.

Psalm 116:12-14 ESV

- 12 What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

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 where we began, with unrestrained and vigorous praise of the God who is worthy of all our adoration and devotion.

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” (Trinity Hymnal #4)

Benediction

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)

Core Values (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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SERMON NOTES

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“The New People’s Life, Part II-B: Nuts, Bolts, and Perspectives”
(continued) (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:25-5:21

Introduction:

What complementary perspectives describe the life of God’s new people?

I. The new life in Christ is a *manifestation of identity*, 5:1-6.

A. A responsibility.

B. A warning.

II. The new life in Christ is a *revelation of productivity*, 5:7-17.

A. The ministry of light.

B. The need for wisdom.

III. The new life in Christ is an *intoxication with Deity*, 5:18-21.

A. The *values* of God.

B. The *worship* of God.

C. The *authority* of God.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: