



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, February 23, 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 psalm celebrates and calls God's people to praise God for the fact that His kingdom, open only to those who are the seed of Abraham, will encompass all nations, who will be brought into His covenant through Christ.

Psalm 47 ESV

- ¹ Clap your hands, all peoples!
 Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- ² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
 a great king over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued peoples under us,
 and nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
 the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
 the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
 Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
 sing praises with a psalm!
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations;
 God sits on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
 as the people of the God of Abraham.
 For the shields of the earth belong to God;
 he is highly exalted!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God of the Father of the faithful, the one with whom God made the covenant which is the basis of and defines our salvation as well as His.

"The God of Abraham Praise"

(Trinity Hymnal #34)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This passage is full of covenantal language, especially the requirement to "circumcise" our hearts, meaning the requirement to live out the implications of the sign of circumcision in mortifying the uncleanness of sin in our lives. Significantly, it follows Moses's reflection on the second giving of the Law in the replacement of the two tablets of stone containing the Ten Commandments, setting forth the proper relationship of faithful covenant keepers, those who are truly saved from sin, to the Law of God.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 ^{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, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?

¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the

LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. ²² Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The covenantal commitment to the righteousness of faith is evident in the prayer of the psalmist here, not presuming perfection but praying for the grace which produces the obedience which receives God's covenant blessings.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 141

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 836-837)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

It is reassuring to know that, in light of God's requirement of circumcision, the mark of the covenant, that God has already circumcised the hearts of all who have been united to Christ through Spirit baptism (1 Corinthians 12:13), received through faith (Ephesians 1:13, 14), which is the means by which we receive the blessings signified and sealed in water baptism. This passage thus beautifully links the covenant signs of circumcision and baptism, and points to them as outward testimonies to the reality of the grace of God to the faithful.

Colossians 3:9-15 ESV

⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

This hymn emphasizes the covenant commitment of God to His people, and the confidence and assurance that faith in His work gives because of the constancy and faithfulness of that commitment.

"A Debtor to Mercy Alone"

1. A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

2. The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.

3. My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

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

"Passover, Part II: It's about Covenant"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Exodus 12

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.

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Trinity Hymnal #87)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is significant that this passage is about the collection taken during Sunday worship in the Gentile churches on behalf of their brothers in the covenant community, the Jews in the Jerusalem church. It demonstrates the covenantal nature of all of our worship offerings, including those we give today.

I Corinthians 16:1-3 ^{ESV}

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

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 leave today by confirming in song our covenant commitment to follow our Lord and serve Him completely, being willing to sacrifice whatever is required to do that faithfully.

* "Jesus, I My Cross have Taken"

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.
2. Let the world despise and leave
me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive
me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown
me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.
3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.
4. Go, then, earthly fame and
treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may
gather;
All must work for good to me.
5. Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within
thee,
Think what Father's smiles are
thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.
6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by
prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us
there.
Soon shall close thy earthly
mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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)

CoreValues (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

How can you be a part of all this?

— SERMON NOTES —

February 23, 2020

“Passover, Part II: It's about Covenant”

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 12

Introduction:

How does the Passover signify and seal to God's people the Covenant of Grace?

I. The Passover involves *a communal feast*.

A. Celebration.

B. Fellowship.

II. The Passover involves *an exclusive privilege*.

A. An inclusive posture.

B. An exclusive prerequisite.

- III. The Passover involves *provisional sanctions*.
 - A. Blessing for obedient observance.

- B. Cursing for improper celebration.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: