



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, February 25, 2024

"...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

Call to Worship

God's works, perfectly mirrored in the ministry of Jesus, inspire His people to praise Him. Such should be the case today as we scrutinize the ministry of Jesus.

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD! [Leader]

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

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

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 praise our beautiful Savior with unrestrained hearts.

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

(Trinity Hymnal #159)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This psalm champions integrity as an essential character quality that God requires. We will focus on the second part of verse 4: "...who swears to his own hurt and does not change."

Psalm 15 ^{ESV}

- 1 O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
- 2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
- 3 who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
- 4 in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
- 5 who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The central concern of this confession is commitment to truth, especially the willingness to confront opposition to the truth when we encounter it.

Almighty Father, Who by your will and for your glory formed us and everything else in all creation, Who upholds all things by the power of your Word, and Who has graciously and lovingly preserved your people and provided for our needs, we confess our constant failure to trust You and rely upon your goodness. Instead of leaning wholly upon You, we have thought and acted upon the meager understanding afforded by our limited human perspectives. Rather than acknowledging You in all our ways, we have forgotten You and turned to our own way, the way that seems right unto a man, but leads to death. We have failed to take seriously and oppose

the challenges to your truth and Word which we have experienced in our culture, thus either tacitly acceding to them or allowing them to flourish by our silence. We have sinned against You constantly by presuming to own ourselves and our ways, in violation of your holy command to trust You with all of our hearts. With renewed faith we cast ourselves upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. In abject sorrow we confess our unbelief, and in heartfelt and sincere repentance ask You for the grace of faith, wrought by your Holy Spirit, which You have promised to give your people Israel. Write your law on our hearts, that we may adopt your heart and mind, and evermore walk in the light, as You are in the light, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Knowing the truth sets us free from sin, and Jesus is the One who enables us to know it, as we abide in Him. Such abiding is the basis of our confidence.

John 8:31–36 ESV

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We sing of the confidence and joy we have in the Savior whose faithfulness assures us of relief from sin and death.

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

1. Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus:

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

2. He ever lives above,
for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears;
received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers;
they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4. The Father hears Him pray,
His dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away
the presence of His Son;
The Spirit answers to the blood,
The Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God.

5. My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

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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, and 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

(Mike Biggs)

"The Jesus You Can Know (XXI)— 'Jesus's Conduct of His Ministry'"

* Luke 4:16–30

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 and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

"The Praises of Thy Wonders, Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #41)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Part of the evidence of the genuineness of our faith in Christ is found in our willingness to give to the cause of His kingdom.

2 Corinthians 8:7, 8 ^{ESV}

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

(Trinity Hymnal #585, vv. 1&4)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We leave today with the prayer that the pattern of Jesus's ministry and life would become ours as we serve and worship Him with our lives.

"My Dear Redeemer and My Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #238)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

February 25, 2024

"The Jesus You Can Know (XX!)— 'Jesus's Conduct of His Ministry'" (Mike Biggs)

Luke 4:16–30

Introduction:

What does the way Jesus conducted His ministry reveal about Him?

I. Jesus conducted His ministry with *faithfulness*, vv. 16–22.

A. To His mission.

B. To His message.

II. Jesus conducted His ministry with *integrity*, vv. 23–27.

A. The whole truth.

B. The inconvenient truth.

III. Jesus conducted His ministry with *strength*, vv. 28–30.

A. Physical strength.

B. Spiritual strength.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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



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