



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, February 9, 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 call to worship, as we have seen many times before, highlights the two-edged nature of the gospel: to bring blessing to those to whom God grants faith and judgment upon those who reject Him in unbelieving continuing rebellion.

Psalm 149 ^{ESV}

- 1 Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- 2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- 3 Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.
- 5 Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
- 7 to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- 9 to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We have come to a climax in our study of Exodus, one in which the acknowledgement of God (expressed in His Name) is seen to be pivotal. Here we call all that fear that Name to worship and praise.

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"

(Trinity Hymnal #9)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The sin implied in this passage is doubt concerning God's love for His people, and the implied command is to believe and rejoice in the certainty, the steadfastness, and, interestingly, even the exclusivity of that love, as contrasted with His attitude toward those to whom He has not dispensed His favor.

Malachi 1:2-5 ESV

² "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob ³ but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert." ⁴ If Edom says, "We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins," the LORD of hosts says, "They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called 'the wicked country,' and 'the people with whom the LORD is angry forever.'" ⁵ Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, "Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!"

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Here we acknowledge the sinfulness of our failure to consider and live out the wonder of God's grace and love.

Corporate Confession: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In this magnificent passage, which is one long sentence in the Greek original, we are confronted with the majestic plan of God for our salvation, which begins in His election of us in eternity past and culminates in a glorious inheritance.

Ephesians 1:3-14 ESV

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as

sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

As we sing this hymn, we meditate on the wonder and the mystery of God's electing grace, knowing that nothing in us provides the reason or basis for such favor, and beseeching God to extend the same to the nations that do not know Him, and fulfill the promise to Abraham, thus producing that "mighty throng that no one can number" envisioned in the prophecy of Revelation.

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (Trinity Hymnal #469)

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

"The Discrimination of God"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Exodus 11

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.

"We Are God's People"

(Trinity Hymnal #355)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our response to God's undeserved goodness toward us is, in part, to present gifts to Him in the context of public worship.

Psalm 116:17-19 ^{ESV}

¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

"My Maker and My King"

1. My Maker and my King,
To Thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow.

3. Lord, what can I impart
When all is Thine before?
Thy love demands a thankful heart;
The gift, alas! how poor.
Thy love demands a thankful heart;
The gift, alas! how poor.

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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

This song, which is not technically a hymn, is nevertheless a supremely beautiful expression of gratitude and worship to the God to whom we owe everything. Make it your own personal tribute to Him as you leave today.

* **"My Tribute"**

(Trinity Hymnal #640)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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“The Discrimination of God”

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 11

Introduction:

How does God discriminate between His people and those who are not His people?

I. God discriminates in terms of temporal blessings.

A. An apparent myth.

B. An powerful reality.

II. God discriminates in terms of eternal judgment.

A. The solidarity of guilt.

B. The absence of sentimentality.

III. God discriminates in terms of spiritual enlightenment.

A. The foolishness of rebellion.

B. The purpose of discrimination.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: