



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, February 11, 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

We are called to praise the God who exalts His people, thus addressing the sinful impulse for them to exalt themselves.

Psalm 113

- 1 Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
- 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
6 who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
- 7 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
8 to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
- 9 He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

We praise Jesus, our Savior, who "breaks the power of reigning sin," and enables us to be what we could never become in our flesh, nor successfully pretend to be.

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Trinity Hymnal #164)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This story demonstrates how serious hypocrisy is to God, and how serious to Him is our opposition to it as well, in ourselves and others.

Acts 5:1–11 ESV

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,² and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.³ But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God!"⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it.⁶ The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

⁷ After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.⁸ And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much."⁹ But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."¹⁰ Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.¹¹ And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess the ugliness of our sin and our utter helplessness to do anything about it, appealing to the grace of God in Christ, and ultimately expressing our faith in that alone to give us certain hope.

"From Depths of Woe"

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee?(Who shall stand before Thee?) x2

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy(Live alone by mercy) x2

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience) x2

What though I wait the live-long night,
And til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israels seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth) x2

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow(All their sin and sorrow) x2

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We cannot live by appearances, but by truth, either in our presentation of ourselves, or in our evaluation of ourselves.

I John 3:18–24 ESV

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

"When, through grace, in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more." Despite our tendency to don masks and hide our true selves, going all the way back to the garden, it is this simple but profound truth that alone can assure us that we are adequately "covered" and right with God, the only "rightness" that really matters.

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

(Trinity Hymnal #172)

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 (XIX)"

* Mark 7:1-13

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.

"O Light that Knew No Dawn"

(Trinity Hymnal #25)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The reality of the grace of God in the lives of the Macedonian Christians was manifested by their desire to give to help other Christians. So it was with the early Christians in Acts and so it is with us as well.

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 ESV

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

"Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day"

(Trinity Hymnal #652)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We have seen once again today the beauty of our Savior. So we proclaim it with joy as leave today.

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #170)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Jesus You Can Know (XIX)"

(Mike Biggs)

Mark 7:1–13

Introduction:

What is Jesus's attitude toward false spirituality?

I. Jesus *denounces the evil* of false spirituality, vv. 1–13.

A. The problem of tolerance.

B. The problem of definition.

II. Jesus *corrects the error* of false spirituality, vv. 14, 15.

A. Publicity is necessary.

B. Instruction is necessary..

III. Jesus *expects the discernment* of false spirituality, vv. 17–23.

A. The expectation of knowledge.

B. The expectation of deliberation.

— 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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