



CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 27, 2022

"...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

Today we rehearse the heavenly dialogue, pictured in Revelation, of the worship in heaven surrounding the ratification of the New Covenant accomplished by the work of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, and thus call each other, and all other creatures to worship the God of our salvation.

Revelation 4, 5 ESV

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Men: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Leader: Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals.

Women: Worthy are you to take the scroll and open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

All: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might Forever and ever!

Leader: Amen!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In this hymn we celebrate the God of love and grace, the god of the Covenant, who has loved us in countless ways and deserves our adoration.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #77)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We read here Moses' later recounting of the event of which we will examine in today's sermon. Note the motivation of God in giving His law and His concern for the welfare of His people. Is this how we think of obedience?

Deuteronomy 5:22–33 ESV

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

As we sing our confession today, we adopt the posture which is the prerequisite to a proper relationship to God: humility before Him and utter dependence upon His grace.

"A Sinner's Cry"

- Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry
For I have nowhere else to fly
My hope, my only hope's in Thee
O God, be merciful to me
To Thee I come, a sinner poor
And wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee
O God, be merciful to me*
- To Thee I come, a sinner weak
And scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free
O God, be merciful to me!
To Thee I come, a sinner vile
Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
Mercy, through blood, I make my plea
O God, be merciful to me*
- To Thee I come, a sinner great
And well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee
O God, be merciful to me*

To Thee I come, a sinner lost
Nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art, Lord, I would be
O God be merciful to me

4. To glory bring me, Lord, at last
And there, when all my fears are past
With all Thy saints, then, I'll agree
God has been merciful to me

TAG: God has been merciful to me

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The covenant God made with Israel at Sinai was a necessary step in the history of redemption, providing the proper context for our reception of grace in Christ. The New Covenant, established by Him, is thankfully the fulfillment of all that we need, and is the comforting provision of all that covenant lacked, providing unhindered access to the Father.

Hebrews 12:18–24 ^{ESV}

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We worship and thank our only Mediator and Redeemer as we meditate upon His work for us and sing our response to Him.

"O Savior, Precious Savior!"

(Trinity Hymnal #159)

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 will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"What Covenant Reveals about Being a Christian"

* Exodus 24

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.

"Jesus, My Great High Priest"

(Trinity Hymnal #306)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Notice that what God essentially requires in our giving is to give freely from what is in our hearts.

Exodus 25:1, 2 ^{ESV}

The LORD said to Moses, ² "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.

"Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver"

(Trinity Hymnal #434)

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 today praising and rejoicing in our Great Mediator,
whose kingdom never ends, and whose reign empowers us to be kings
and priests to our God and to His creation*

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Trinity Hymnal #295)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

March 27, 2022

"What Covenant Reveals about Being a Christian"

Exodus 24

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What crucial facts do we learn about relationship to God from the Covenant ratification here?

I. Christianity is accessed by grace, w. .

A. Fearing God.

B. Knowing God.

II. Christianity is *experienced in commitment*, vv. .

A. God's commitment.

B. Our commitment.

III. Christianity is *accessed through mediation* , w. .

A. The necessity of mediation.

B. The form of mediation.

C. The pinnacle of mediation.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: