



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 2, 2023

"...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

This psalm contains several allusions to the tabernacle/Temple, and the holiness of God, who carries out His exalted reign in the midst of His people, from His throne replicated in the Most Holy Place.

Psalm 99 ^{ESV}

- ¹ The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!
- ⁴ The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.
- ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

This hymn of praise alludes to facets of symbolism contained in the furniture of the Holy Place in tabernacle and Temple, which we will discuss today: the heavenly lights, angels, God's throne, the heavens themselves.

"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him" (Trinity Hymnal #17)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

These passages, taken together, demonstrate the multi-faceted theology behind the phrase "light of the world." Alternatively, Israel, Christ, and Christian believers are all given this designation, showing that Christ is the true Israel, but also that those who are His people in both Old and New Testaments have a responsibility to reflect that light to the world.

Isaiah 42:5–7; Isaiah 49:1–6^{ESV}

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

^{49:1} Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

John 1:1–5; 8:12^{ESV}

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

^{8:12} Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:14–16^{ESV}

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This psalm pictures, whether it alludes to it or not, the very thing that Israel did at the tabernacle and later at the Temple, when they offered sacrifices through the priests, looking to (though not directly at) the ark in the Most Holy Place, where God's throne in heaven was replicated above the cherubim.

Responsive reading: Psalm 123

(Trinity Hymnal p.831)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

By God's grace in the gospel, we have been given a knowledge of God in Christ, which enables us to believe in Him and thus be saved through our reception of all of God's covenant promises.

2 Corinthians 4:6 ^{ESV}

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Notice that this hymn is both a confession of our sinfulness and an expression of faith in the cross of Christ as our only hope.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal # 251)

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)

"God with Us, Part II"

* Exodus 25:10–40

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.

"I Take This Bread"

I take this bread ordained by Christ
Who met the dreadful Law's demands
And bids me now my finger place
Into His nail-scarred hands

I take this cup poured out for us
Because our Substitute has died
Who bids me now my own hand place
Into His opened side

For from this Second Adam's side
Because He slumbered in the grave
Were we made one with Him to be
His bride He bled to save

I pray now, 'Help my unbelief'
And seek His presence here to feel
As bread and wine my interest in
The cross do show and seal

For though with pow'r of carnal eye
I cannot Christ Ascended see
He at His table lifts me up
Who once came down for me

(Music by Emily Batemann, words by Tyler Cowden)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The worship commanded here envisions the environment which the tabernacle pictures: glory, strength, splendor, holiness. It is this context into which we are directed to "bring an offering."

Psalm 96:7–9 ESV

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

"O Worship the King"

(Trinity Hymnal #2, w 1&6)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* **Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of DedicationWe Respond to the Word

We close our worship with a prayer that calls to mind many of the experiences which accompanied the tabernacle during Israel's wanderings: the pillars of cloud and fire, the Bread of the Presence and the manna, and crossing the Jordan into the Promised Land. Our prayer is for the guidance that the Light of God provides as we make our journey through the wilderness to our inheritance in the New Heavens and the New Earth.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

(Trinity Hymnal #598)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"God with Us, Part II"

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 25:10–40

Introduction:

What do these elements of the Tabernacle teach us?

I. The teaching of the Ark of the Covenant, vv. 10–22.

A. Its meaning.

B. Its application.

II. The teaching of the Table of the Presence, vv. 23–30.

A. Its meaning.

B. Its application.

III. The teaching of the Golden Lampstand, vv. 31–40.

A. Its meaning.

B. Its application.

— 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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