



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, March 5, 2017

“...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ...”



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 gray 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 that the congregation stands during this element of worship.*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm is mostly a reflection on the relationship between God's kingdom and those who have rebelled against it, which includes us and all sinners. But it ends with a call for all such rebels to "rejoice" at His kingdom and to "Kiss the Son" in worship and service. It is to do both of these that we have gathered today.

Psalm 2 ^{ESV}

- 1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In our opening hymn of praise today we exhort one another, as those who have become servants of God, to proclaim the message about Christ, who is our Lord, to all nations, beginning with those near us, as He has commanded in the Great Commission.

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” (Trinity Hymnal #165)

W e A c k n o w L e d g e O u r S i n

* Reading from the Law

The tassels on the corners of the garments of the Israelites, including a cord of blue, served two purposes. The first, stated here, was to remind them that their lives were to have a heavenly (blue, like the sky) character, as they remembered and obeyed the laws of God. Second, they served as a sign to outsiders that the righteous and praiseworthy character of life displayed by the Israelites had a heavenly origin. We are required, not by obedience to this specific symbol, but by word and deed, to communicate the same things to ourselves and to those outside of the covenant community of God’s people.

Numbers 15:37-41 ESV

³⁷ The Lord said to Moses, ³⁸ “Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. ³⁹ And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. ⁴⁰ So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. ⁴¹ I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the Lord your God.”

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Notice the hope in this confession that all nations will worship the Lord and glorify His name, and notice as well that the motivation for his prayer is that he might glorify and fear God's name.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 86; Trinity Hymnal pp. 814-815

We Rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our salvation through Jesus includes an obligation to proclaim that message of salvation, knowing that God will make it effectual, not only in our lives but throughout the lives of those who are destined to be a part of His kingdom.

II Timothy 1:8-12 ESV

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

Hymn of Assurance

The offer of salvation in Jesus encourages even the worst of sinners to flee to Him with the confidence that He is both able and willing to save.

“Come, Ye Sinners”

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.
2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.
3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.
4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.
5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

We heAr inStruction from the Lord

Sermon

“Inspired Commentary on Kingdom Power” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 3:11-26 ^{ESV}

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the

mouth of his holy prophets long ago. ²² Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. ²³ And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' ²⁴ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. ²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' ²⁶ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

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.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
W: The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
M: *The sha—dow in a weary land*
W: A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
M: *A home, a rest, upon the way*
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
W: The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
M: *The ver—y dying One for me;*
W: And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess
M: *And from my heart, I con—fess*
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
W: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
M: *I ask, no o—ther than His face;*
W: Content to let the world go by to know no gain nor loss,
M: *Content to know no gain nor loss.*
My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

“All for Jesus”

1. All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.

3. Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,
Cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;
Only Jesus will I trust.

*CH: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Our tithes and offerings in formal worship should be but the tokens of our more fundamental offering of worship: our bodies, indeed our whole selves, to serve the King of kings.

Romans 12:1 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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

Hopefully this is your confession as a member of Christ's Church, charged with proclaiming the message of His kingdom. If so, sing it with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, and go out from our worship determined to glorify Jesus with this message.

* "I Love to Tell the Story" (Trinity Hymnal #478)

Presentation of Mercy Ministry Offerings

(during hymn)

Benediction

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)

Core Values (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

How can you be a part of all this?

SERMON NOTES

March 5, 2017

“Inspired Commentary on Kingdom Power” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 3:11-26

Introduction:

How should the preaching of the Church present Jesus’s kingdom activity?

I. The Church’s preaching should *contrast the attitudes toward Jesus,*
v. 11-15.

A. Sinful attitudes.

B. Godly attitudes.

II. The Church's preaching should *convey the salvation from Jesus,*
v. 16-21a.

A. The basis of salvation.

B. The means of salvation.

C. The effects of salvation.

III. The Church's preaching should *consolidate the story about Jesus,*
v. 21b-26.

A. How Jesus confirms the story.

B. How Jesus fulfills the story.

— **F**or **Y**our **P**ersonal **D**evotions —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: