



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, March 7, 2021

"...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

Prelude

Call to Worship

We are called to fear and praise God here because he is the King who reigns over all the nations of the earth and subdues them to His people.

Psalm 47 ^{ESV}

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- ¹ Clap your hands, all peoples!
 Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- ² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
 a great king over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued peoples under us,
 and nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
 the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
 the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
 Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
 sing praises with a psalm!
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations;
 God sits on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
 as the people of the God of Abraham.
 For the shields of the earth belong to God;
 he is highly exalted!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We echo the themes of the hymn we used in our call to worship as we praise the God who subdues the nations to Himself, calling many to join His covenant people.

"Rejoice, All People, Homage Give"

(Trinity Hymnal #73)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This is a fundamental obligation, perhaps the most fundamental of all: to acknowledge and trust God rather than what our own minds tell us. The former is the source of all righteousness, the latter the root of all sin.

Proverbs 3:5, 6 ^{ESV}

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This psalm, contrary to cursory initial appearances, may be understood as a confession, an expression of repentance, and a prayer for grace to a sinner, for three reasons. First, it mentions "vindication" before enemies, the need for which often occurs when enemies (including, for us, our greatest enemy: Satan) ridicule the idea that God would help or take the side of ones as sinful as us, and most certainly reject even the concept that there is a powerful God who can hold them accountable for their

opposition. Second, it describes the feeling of God's rejection, which is sometimes circumstantial, but which usually comes through conviction of sin, and results in "mourning." [cf. Matthew 5:3, 4] Third, it mentions "the altar of God," at which atonement is made through a substitutionary blood sacrifice, and to which the psalmist envisions returning after God's light and truth guide him [to repentance]. It is thus particularly appropriate for us today as our corporate confession, in accord with today's sermon text.

Responsive reading, Psalm 43

(Trinity Hymnal p. 801)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Salvation must be by grace alone, since it is in our weakness (our helplessness) that God does all that is necessary to save us. Thus we need only to trust in and rely upon Him.

Romans 5:6 ^{ESV}

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We rest in Jesus as we trust in Him for our salvation.

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

(Trinity Hymnal #468)

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

"Orientation to Covenant II: Baptism into Moses"

(Mike Biggs)

* Exodus 14

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.

"O Help My Unbelief"

1. How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds Fast in his slavish chains
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word:
"O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

2. My soul obeys th' almighty call, And runs to this relief
I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.

3. Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, My reigning sins subdue;
Drive the old dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On thy kind arms I fall;
Be thou my strength and righteousness, My Jesus, and my all.

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The widow's contribution uniquely displayed her faith, since in her case it involved giving that upon which she would have relied for sustenance, instead choosing to obey and trust God to provide. Trusting God is at the heart of all true righteousness, including our giving.

Luke 21:1-4 ^{ESV}

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

"My Maker and My King"

(verse 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.*

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 leave today's service celebrating the wonderful grace of Jesus, "deeper than the mighty rolling sea [even the Red one!]," grace which in our helplessness saved us, necessitating only that we be silent and receive His deliverance.

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #467)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

March 7, 2021

"Orientation to Covenant II: Baptism into Moses"

Exodus 14

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What must we understand in order properly to “work out our salvation”?

I. We must understand the *context* which *clarifies our perspective* on our salvation, vv. 1-9.

A. God's sovereign control.

B. God's ultimate motivation.

II. We must understand the *passion* which *animates the dynamics* of our salvation, vv. 10-18.

A. Our temptation to unbelief.

B. God's desire for faith.

III. We must understand the *miracle* that *constitutes the* essence of our salvation, vv. 19-31.

A. Salvation as creation.

B. Salvation as incorporation.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: