



CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 13, 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

We are called here to marshall every available means to give glory and praise to God the Creator, because we owe Him everything we are and everything we have.

Psalm 150 ^{ESV}

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

We participate in the God's call to worship Him, calling angels as well as each other to answer this most noble of callings.

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

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

*** Reading from the Law**

Choosing life is synonymous with conforming our life to God's commands, which define and reflect His character, and so give as well as model true life.

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 ^{ESV}

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this confession and prayer for mercy we, at many points, pray for deliverance from the pride and idolatry that leads us away from complete consecration to God and its complementary blessing.

"By Thy Mercy"

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:
2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

Refrain: By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.
4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace. *Refrain*
5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.
6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay. *Refrain*

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The One who is life itself has given us who believe life in His name, not because of anything we have done, but because of His gracious will towards us.

John 1:1–13 ^{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.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into

the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The last verse of this hymn says it all. Because of His all-giving mercy to us, we respond by offering our whole selves and lives to Him.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(Trinity Hymnal #252)

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)

"The Liturgy of Life" Part 4

* Exodus 23:10–19

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.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The silver and the gold belongs to God; therefore we now, as the true Temple, offer our riches to Him in consecration, in fulfillment of this prophecy today.

Haggai 2:6–9 ESV

For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷ And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts

"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

(Trinity Hymnal #368)

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 by expressing our complete surrender and love for the One who gave all for us.

**"All for Jesus"
Benediction**

(Trinity Hymnal #565)

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Liturgy of Life" Part 4

Exodus 23:10–19

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What must we understand from God's law about the nature of the Christian life?

I. The Christian life is defined by *rest in the Lord*, vv. 10–13.

A. Mercy.

B. Worship.

II. The Christian life is defined by *restoration through the Lord*,
vv. 14–16.

A. The symbolism of the Feasts.

B. The lessons of the Feasts.

III. The Christian life is defined by *consecration to the Lord*, vv. 17–19.

A. Token and reality.

B. Devotion and idolatry.

C. Life and death.

— **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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