



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 16, 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

We are called to praise the God who provides for His people light for illumination and bread for sustenance.

Psalm 105:1–6, 39–45 *ESV*

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
- ⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- ⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- ³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
- ⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.
- ⁴² For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.
- ⁴³ So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.
- ⁴⁴ And he gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,
- ⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
- Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who is inaccessible, yet the source of all our illumination and provision.

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

(Trinity Hymnal #38)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The Table of the Presence, with its shewbread, was meant to remind Israel of God's provision for them, not only of physical bread for food, but more importantly with His Word, and ultimately with the Word, Christ, who gives us true life.

Deuteronomy 8:2, 3 ^{ESV}

And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession is made with awareness of our need for God to show us that need, and then to meet it, in other words, to give illumination and sustenance.

"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 light which Jesus gives imparts eternal life to those who follow it, and Him.

John 8:12 ESV

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."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We ask Jesus to give us both illumination and sustenance as we sing.

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

(Trinity Hymnal #146)

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, and 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

(Mike Biggs)

"God with Us, Part II" *(continued)*

*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.

"From Every Stormy Wind that Blows"

(Trinity Hymnal #631)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

We recall the first words of the Lord to Israel at the commissioning of the Tabernacle: that they make contributions for its construction willingly and from the heart. So we make contributions to the building of God's true Temple, His Church

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!

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642, v. 4)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE 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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