



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 7, 2024

"...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

God is worthy of our praise, in part because, despite His exalted status, He considers the most humble and the most needy (including us!) and stoops to meet their needs.

Psalm 113^{ESV}

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
- ² Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
- ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
⁶ who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
- ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸ to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
- ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

We exult today in the praise of our great and gracious Savior.

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Trinity Hymnal #164)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

It is quintessentially wise to appreciate loving, wise rebuke and challenge, and to respond to it humbly and submissively.

Proverbs 27:5, 6 ^{ESV}

- ⁵ Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.
- ⁶ Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We major in today's confession on our tendency to rationalize and defend our sinful shortcomings rather than acknowledge, confess, and repent of them.

Lord God, we confess our failure to be true even to our own accepted standards, our unwillingness to apply to ourselves the standards of conduct we demand of others, our complacency towards wrongs that do not touch our own lives, our slowness to see the good in others and the evil in ourselves, our hardness of heart toward the faults of our neighbors and our readiness to make allowances for our own. O Lord, please forgive and grant us your pardon through Christ. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Regular confession of sin is a Christian discipline, and one that is sorely neglected today.

1 John 1:8, 9 ^{ESV}

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice in the triumph of our King over death and hell.

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

(Trinity Hymnal #188)

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)

"The Jesus You Can Know (XXVII)— 'The Continuing Grace of Jesus'"

* John 21

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.

"O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art"

(Trinity Hymnal #349)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God's continuing grace of provision for us is what enables us to give to His kingdom.

2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

(Trinity Hymnal #424)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our service today with a declaration of our intention to respond to the grace of Jesus in the only way that is appropriate: giving our whole selves to Him (Romans 12:1).

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

(Trinity Hymnal #562)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Jesus You Can Know (XXVII)— 'The Continuing Grace of Jesus'" (Mike Biggs)

John 21

Introduction:

How does Jesus continue to give us His grace?

I. Jesus continues to give His people the grace of *refreshment*, vv. 1–14.

A. Material provision.

B. Spiritual communion.

II. Jesus continues to give His people the grace of *responsibility*,
vv. 15–19.

A. Reconciliation.

B. Responsibility.

III. Jesus continues to give His people the grace of *rebuke*,
vv. 20–25.

A. Peter's (and our) problem.

B. Jesus's correction.

— 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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