



CHRIST — THE KING —

The Lord's Day, May 12, 2019

“...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.

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 congregational standing*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

The rationale for praise in this psalm is the fact of God's testing His people, and His mighty acts of deliverance for His people from their times of trial and testing, all to magnify their faith in Him.

Psalm 66:1-12 ^{ESV}

- 1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
2 sing the glory of his name;
 give to him glorious praise!
3 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
 So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to
 you.
4 All the earth worships you
 and sings praises to you;
 they sing praises to your name.”
5 Come and see what God has done:
 he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
6 He turned the sea into dry land;
 they passed through the river on foot.
 There did we rejoice in him,
7 who rules by his might forever,
 whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
 let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
8 Bless our God, O peoples;
 let the sound of his praise be heard,
9 who has kept our soul among the living
 and has not let our feet slip.
10 For you, O God, have tested us;
 you have tried us as silver is tried.
11 You brought us into the net;
 you laid a crushing burden on our backs;
12 you let men ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and through water;
 yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We respond to the above call by doing in this hymn what it commands: ascribing glory to Him in worship. We do so because, as verses 1 and 6 proclaim, He has turned every sorrow and trial into blessing.

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” (Trinity Hymnal #4)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

These words are God's revelation of His method of sanctifying us: trial and provision, both revealing and producing true faith.

Deuteronomy 8:2-10 ESV

² 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. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This psalm focuses on deliverance from our enemies. Of course, our most formidable enemies are sin and death, and God does provide deliverance from those. But in accordance with our sermon text today, we also know that His deliverance extends to cover the threats from those who hate us because of our status as God's servants and according association with Him, the Devil and all those who are a part of his kingdom. Our prayer is for mercy and deliverance from all of these.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 142;Trinity Hymnal p. 837

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

It should be instructive to us that the cross was God's counter-intuitive means of accomplishing His purpose to save His people. God's ways are truly above our ways, which is why we should trust Him in all circumstances.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24 ESV

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Taking our place beneath the cross of Jesus means not only that we trust in the atoning death Jesus offered on that cross, but also that we, like Him, are willing to endure suffering that we might inherit glory, knowing that, in His divine providence, that suffering has a wonderful purpose.

“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.

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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.

Sermon

“Mission in the Fishbowl” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 23:12-35 ESV

¹² When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. ¹³ There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. ¹⁴ They went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near.” ¹⁶ Now the son of Paul’s sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. ¹⁷ Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him.” ¹⁸ So he took him and brought him to the tribune and said, “Paul the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, as he has something to say to you.” ¹⁹ The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, “What is it that you have to tell me?” ²⁰ And he said, “The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more closely about him. ²¹ But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him, who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for your consent.” ²² So the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him, “Tell no one that you have informed me of these things.” ²³ Then he called two of the centurions and said, “Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night. ²⁴ Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor.” ²⁵ And he wrote a letter to this effect: ²⁶ “Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. ²⁷ This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them when I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman citizen. ²⁸ And desiring to know the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their council. ²⁹ I found that he was being accused about questions of their law, but charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment.

³⁰ And when it was disclosed to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him.” ³¹ So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. ³² And on the next day they returned to the barracks, letting the horsemen go on with him. ³³ When they had come to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. ³⁴ On reading the letter, he asked what province he was from. And when he learned that he was from Cilicia, ³⁵ he said, “I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive.” And he commanded him to be guarded in Herod’s praetorium.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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.

“Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven” (Trinity Hymnal #67)

“All For Jesus” (Trinity Hymnal #565)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Our dedication to God must match that of those who hate Him and oppose His cause (burnt offerings symbolized the complete and total dedication of our entire selves and lives to God in response to His atonement of our sins). The total dedication is expressed, now as then, through offerings made in public worship.

Psalm 66:13-15 ESV

- 13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will perform my vows to you,
14 that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

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 depart from worship today speaking God's wisdom to our souls: that God has a purpose in all that He ordains for our lives, and that our "Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away."

* "Be Still, My Soul" (Trinity Hymnal #689)

Benediction