

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, May 24, 2020

"...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

We focus in this call to worship on the importance of speaking to other believers about the great deeds of the Lord, which is precisely what we do in corporate worship. We thereby delight in each other as a means whereby we delight in Him.

Psalm 9:1, 2, 11 ESV

¹ I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

² I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

The theme of this psalm, delight in the City of God's dwelling, Jerusalem, the ultimate fulfillment and expression of which is the Church, is a key to the answer to the question of today's sermon message: what does walking with God look like? Our participation in the body of God's people is a big part of that.

Psalm 122

(Hymn of the Month; Psalter Project)

CH: ¹ I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

¹ I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

² Our feet were standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem, built as a city firmly bound as one,

⁴ To which the tribes, the tribes of the LORD, go up —

A decree for Israel — to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵ For the thrones there for judgment sit: thrones for David's house!

CHORUS

⁶ Pray now that peace may be upon Jerusalem!

May those who cherish you have full security.

⁷ Peace be within your walls, safety in your towers.

⁸ For my friends' and brothers' sake, I'll say, "Peace be in you!"

⁹ For the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good!

Chorus x2

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WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

As we have seen many times before, acknowledgement of God is the linchpin that ensures a confident and blessed life.

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 prayer for mercy incorporates many of the principles we shall see in today's message, mostly centering on **acknowledgement**: of our sin, our helplessness, and God's adequacy and availability.*

A Sinner's Cry

1. Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry
For I have nowhere else to fly
My hope, my only hope's in Thee
O God, be merciful to me
 To Thee I come, a sinner poor
 And wait for mercy at Thy door
 Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee
 O God, be merciful to me

2. To Thee I come, a sinner weak
And scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free
O God, be merciful to me!
 To Thee I come, a sinner vile
 Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
 Mercy, through blood, I make my plea
 O God, be merciful to me

3. To Thee I come, a sinner great
And well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee
O God, be merciful to me
 To Thee I come, a sinner lost
 Nor have I aught wherein to trust
 But where Thou art, Lord, I would be
 O God be merciful to me

4. To glory bring me, Lord, at last
And there, when all my fears are past
With all Thy saints, then,
I'll agree God has been merciful to me
TAG: God has been merciful to me

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Our hope is in our presence in the true and spiritual Jerusalem,
the Church, to which we have come if our faith is in Jesus, the
mediator of the New Covenant.*

Isaiah 55:6, 7 ^{ESV}

⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on
him,

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

This hymn accompanies our hymn of confession today well, as it addresses one of the main reasons we fail to acknowledge God, our fear of His judgment and consequent avoidance of consideration of Him. We are encouraged to seek Him who is full of mercy and the only real answer to our dilemma, and to rejoice in His provision for us.

"Poor Sinner, Dejected, with Fear"

- 1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.*
- 2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go",
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.*
- 3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.*

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

"Enjoying God by Walking with God"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Psalm 16

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.

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one lay down,
Your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him my resting place,
And He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
From that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Til pilgrim days are done.

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our confidence in God's faithfulness to supply all our needs and, more than that, to enable us to give generously, is what inspires our giving to His Church.

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.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

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 rejoicing in the fact that the One with whom we walk in faith leads us as a faithful shepherd, giving us complete confidence in this life and beyond.

*** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"**

(Trinity Hymnal #600)

Benediction

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)

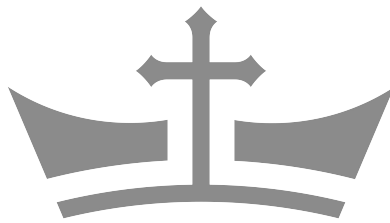
Core Values (our fundamental commitments):

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

How can you be a part of all this?



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