



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, May 29, 2016

“...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ...”



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 gray 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.

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Our call today enjoins us to worship vigorously and yes, LOUDLY, because our God is great and our God is lovingly near. He is both great enough and loving enough to bear all the burdens of His sheep.

Psalm 95:1-7 ESV

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

In our hymn of praise this morning we call not only each other, but all of creation itself to worship the One who, as verse 4 reminds us, is He on whom all who bear pain and sorrow should cast their cares.

“All Creatures of our God and King” (Trinity Hymnal #115)

Reading from the Law

This law is an expression of the principle that we are to be concerned about the affairs and needs of others, not simply our own, and in this way we are obligated to bear the burdens even of those who are our enemies. How many of us can say that this is the way we treat others, especially our enemies?

Exodus 23: 4, 5 ^{ESV}

⁴“If you meet your enemy’s ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him. ⁵If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The emphasis in this confession, in accord with our theme today, is on our failure to attend diligently to the needs of others, especially those in our spiritual family, the Church.

God in heaven,

We confess that You have given each of us various gifts with which we can serve others, but instead we have used them to serve only ourselves.

We confess that instead of looking around at how we may serve others as You have called us, we look inward and spend our efforts of service on ourselves.

We confess that Your church, the one for which our Lord Jesus came to die, receives so little of our attention and efforts, and yet we are so quick to criticize its work and worship.

We confess that we would rather not spend our valuable time, energy, and talents on this group whom God has called to be salt and light in a broken world.

We confess that we are careless in these many areas, and we ask for Your forgiveness, oh God. We ask that You would renew our hearts and move us toward love and service of neighbor, bearing burdens, that we might be light in a dark world, that others may come to know the Savior Jesus who gave Himself fully for us.

We Rejoice in the ASSurAnce of fOrgiveneSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our hope is in the Lord's compassion for us, His people. That compassion is possible because in Christ He Himself has borne the burden of our sin and accepted its full punishment on our behalf. This is good news!

Psalm 103:8-13 ESV

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate Christ's taking the burden of our sin on His shoulders and the incredible fact that we reap rewards because of it in this beautiful hymn of gratitude.

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished
3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

We heAr inStruction from the Lord

Sermon

“The Burden of Love” (Rev. Brent Corbin)

Ruth 3:1-18 ESV

¹ Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? ² Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” ⁵ And she replied, “All that you say I will do.”

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. 7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. 8 At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! 9 He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer." 10 And he said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. 12 And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. 13 Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, was the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."

14 So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." 15 And he said, "Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. 16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did you fare, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, 17 saying, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, 'You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'" 18 She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

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, (*or universal)
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” (Trinity Hymnal #359)

“How Beautiful the Sight” (Trinity Hymnal #356)

Offering Meditation

The Macedonians gave because they wanted the privilege of sharing in the burdens of their brothers. So our giving today serves the same ends, as we give to meet the physical and spiritual needs of others.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 ESV

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

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

God's commands are no longer a burden, because we are pardoned from the curse of our disobedience, and Christ has fulfilled the law's demands for us perfectly. We are now free to serve Him in gratitude. We celebrate those facts with this hymn as we leave today.

"Love Constraining to Obedience"

*CH: To see the Law by Christ fulfilled,
To hear His pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child
And duty into choice.*

1. No strength of nature can suffice
To serve the Lord aright
And what she has, she misapplies,
For want of clearer light.
2. How long beneath the Law I lay
In bondage and distress
I toiled the precept to obey,
But toiled without success.
3. Then to abstain from outward sin
Was more than I could do
Now if I feel its power within
I feel I hate it too.
4. Then all my servile works were done,
A righteousness to raise
Now, freely chosen in the Son,
I freely choose His ways.

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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

SERMON NOTES

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Introduction:

What does the command to bear one another's burdens really mean?

I. The Reality of Burden v. 1-9.

II. The Bearing of Burden v.10-15

A. Bearing Burdens means guarding dignity

B. Bearing Burdens means encouraging/blessing

C. Bearing Burdens means calming fears

D. Bearing Burdens means protecting others' reputation

E. Bearing Burdens means meeting real needs

F. Bearing Burdens means meeting felt needs

III. The Sharing of Burden

A. Ruth's Sharing

B. Jesus's Sharing

C. Our Sharing

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: