



CHRIST — THE KING —

The Lord's Day, May 5, 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*

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm calls us not only to praise and worship of the Lord, but also to testify of His glory to the nations, and to declare His justice, which is something which all people desire.

Psalm 96:1-10 ESV

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- 4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 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!
- 10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

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.

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

W e A c k n o w L e d g e O u r S i n

* Reading from the Law

This law indicates that to disrespect a legitimate authority is to disrespect God, since all legitimate authority is an expression and application of His authority, and is delegated by Him.

Exodus 22:28 ESV

“You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our confession today centers on our failure to respect God’s authority as it is applied in the institutions He has established on earth.

Corporate Confession: O God, our most merciful, sovereign Lord, we humbly confess that we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have each of us turned to his own way. We have neglected to recognize your absolute authority in our lives by rebelling in many ways against those to whom you have delegated that authority. We have disrespected those in positions of authority in government. We have failed to take heed to the admonitions of church officers. We have failed adequately to care for and listen to elderly parents. In these and many other ways we have offended your holy law and, like Israel of old, rejected you as King over us. But you, O Lord, are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. Remember your covenant, O our God, remember that we are weak and sinful, and by your mighty power grant to us not only pardon for these and our other transgressions, but also the resolve, vision, and strength to obey you and all the authorities you institute, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Thanks be to God for the fact of His authority, which ensures the infallibility of His declaration that we are justified in His sight, and by which He guarantees the reception of His love to the objects of His favor, those to whom He has given the gift of faith.

Romans 8:28-39 ESV

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

This wonderful hymn of assurance allows us to sing in one verse of the formula for overcoming Satan's opposition: in the words of Revelation, we overcome him "by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony." This is our victory.

"Before the Throne of God Above"

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is "Love"
Who ever lives and pleads for me

*My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin

*Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.*

3. Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!

*One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.*

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

“More Help for Effective Witness” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 22:30-23:11 ESV

³⁰ But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them. ¹ And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.” ² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. ³ Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?” ⁴ Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?” ⁵ And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.” ⁶ Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.” ⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸ For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. ⁹ Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees’ party stood up and contended sharply, “We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a

spirit or an angel spoke to him?”¹⁰ And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks. ¹¹ The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

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, (**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.

“Give Reviving”

1. Father for Thy, promised blessing,
Still we plead before Thy throne
For the times of, sweet refreshing,
Which can come from Thee alone
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given,
But in these we would not rest
Blessings still with, Thee are hidden,
Pour them forth and make us blest!
2. Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever,
Answer! Father, answer prayer
Bless oh bless each, weak endeavor,
Blood-bought pardon to declare
Wake Thy slumbering, children wake them,
Bid them to Thy harvest go
Blessings O our, Father make,
Round their steps let blessings flow
3. Let no people be forgotten,
Let Thy showers on all descend
That in one loud blessed anthem,
Millions may in triumph blend
Give reviving, give refreshing,
Give the looked-for Jubilee
To Thyself may, crowds be pressing,
Bringing glory unto Thee

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“O God, to Us Show Mercy” (Trinity Hymnal #437)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Part of what the glory due to God demands is that we make offerings to Him in the context of public worship, which is what He commands through the inspired psalmist here.

Psalm 96:8 ESV

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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 affirm our intention to follow the principles outlined in today's passage as we sing this great old hymn of the faith before we leave to reenter the battle as God's army to win the world to Him.

* "Faith of Our Fathers" (Trinity Hymnal #570)

Benediction