



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, June 11, 2023

"...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

Holiness is beautiful, and all worship and fellowship with God must be experienced in a context of holiness.

Psalm 96:1–9 *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!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

We are enjoined by each other as we sing to “pay our vow” to the God who reigns. Our vow is to give to God our very selves, in covenant with Him, as He is our God and we are His people.

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The burnt offering, although it contains within it a component of atonement, is actually the category of offering that is a response to the sin and guilt offerings. It corresponds most to the offering of ourselves (literally, our "bodies," Romans 12:1) to God, and referring to the whole of our lives, which are to be a "pleasing aroma" to God. Is this how you think of your responsibility in life?

Leviticus 1:1–9 ^{ESV}

The LORD called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying, ²"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When any one of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of livestock from the herd or from the flock.

³"If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. ⁴ He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. ⁵ Then he shall kill the bull before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁶ Then he shall flay the burnt offering and cut it into pieces, ⁷ and the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. ⁸ And Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat, on the wood that is on the fire on the altar; ⁹ but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar, as a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

No more appropriate confession could be found for today's service than the classic confession of David after his sin with Bathsheba.

Responsive reading, Psalm 51

(Trinity Hymnal p.804)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The same fragrance which is a pleasing aroma to God has a dual effect on the people of this world: pleasant to those whom God is saving through the gospel proclaimed not only through our words, but also through our lives, and noxious to those who are perishing. It is the gospel itself that produces that aroma, for better or worse.

2 Corinthians 2:14–17; 5:14–21 ESV

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

^{5:14} For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice together in the fact that all we need to deal with our sin is found in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

"Jesus, the Lord, My Savior"

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.

2. What'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me; 'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.

Chorus: Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.

3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
'll still adore His name.

4. "Worthy the Lamb" shall be my song,
"For He for me was slain"
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, "Amen" (Repeat chorus)
(Repeat verse 1)

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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, 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)

God with Us, Part VI: "The Dynamics of Holiness" (continued)

* Exodus 30

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.

"Arise, O Lord, Our God, Arise"

(Trinity Hymnal #374)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

As a burnt offering was presented on behalf of Aaron at his ordination, so we offer ourselves to God as a "whole burnt offering," as priests to Him.

2 Timothy 2:15, 20–21 ESV

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

²⁰ Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" *(Trinity Hymnal #97)*

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* **Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship exhorting one another to the activities that produce holiness in us and thus make us pleasing and useful to the Lord.

"Take Time to Be Holy"

(Trinity Hymnal #537)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

June 11, 2023

God with Us, Part VI: “The Dynamics of Holiness”

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 30

Introduction:

What do we need to understand about what is involved in being holy people?

I. Holiness is necessary to be *acceptable* to God.

A. The bronze basin.

B. The census tax.

C. The altar of incense

II. Holiness is necessary to be *useful* to God.

A. The bronze basin.

B. The anointing oil.

III. Holiness is necessary to be *pleasing* to God.

A. The altar of incense.

B. The incense itself.

— 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...

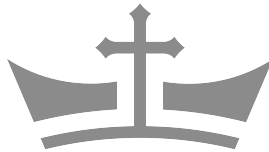
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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