

CHRIST -THE KING-

The Lord's Day, June 21, 2020

"...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 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

We need, constantly and incessantly, to remind ourselves and each other of the faithfulness of God's love so as to engender in us genuine and steadfast faith.

Psalm 136 ESV

- Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ² Give thanks to the God of gods,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁷ to him who made the great lights,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 11 and brought Israel out from among them,
 - for his steadfast love endures forever;

- 12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever:
- 13 to him who divided the Red Sea in two,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

14 and made Israel pass through the midst of it,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever:

16 to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁷ to him who struck down great kings,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

18 and killed mighty kings,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁹ Sihon, king of the Amorites,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁰ and Og, king of Bashan,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

²¹ and gave their land as a heritage,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

²² a heritage to Israel his servant,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁴ and rescued us from our foes,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁵ he who gives food to all flesh,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

As an application of the above, we remind ourselves and each other of the faithfulness of our covenant-keeping God.

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #32)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The command here is to put our hope in God forevermore, but before the command comes the example of the psalmist, who testifies that he has learned to trust God more than his ability to understand what He is doing or why. Such is the nature of biblical faith.

Psalm 131 ESV

- O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
- ² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- ³ O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This psalm is a prayer for mercy in the midst of trial, because the psalmist knows that his response to his situation has not always been faithful.

Responsive reading, Psalm 143

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We take heart because the faith that God requires is also the faith that He imparts.

Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Leader: This is the gospel. Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We proclaim our commitment to the same faith to which all Christians throughout the ages have subscribed.

"Faith of Our Fathers"

(Trinity Hymnal #570

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

"The Foundations of Endurance"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* | Peter |:3-|2

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.

"Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #67)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is our faith, our confidence that God can and will meet all of our needs, which, like this widow, enables us to give to Him generously.

Luke 21:1-4 ESV

I Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

(Trinity Hymnal #432)

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 close our worship today by proclaiming our intention to put unbelief to death and to trust the One who is utterly trustworthy, thus honoring Him and receiving His smile, which is worth any suffering and trial it might require.

* "Begone Unbelief"

- Begone unbelief, My Savior is near,
 And for my relief Will surely appear:
 By faith let me wrestle, with God in the storm
 And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn
 And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn
- Though dark be my way, Since he is my guide,
 'Tis mine to obey, and His to provide;
 Though cisterns be broken, And creatures all fail,
 The word he has spoken will surely prevail.
 The word he has spoken will surely prevail. Chorus

CHORUS:

Begone unbelief, The Savior is here (3x)
Though cisterns be broken And creatures all fail
The word he has spoken will surely prevail
The word he has spoken will surely prevail

3. Why should I complain, Of want or distress
Temptation or pain? He told me no less
The heirs of salvation, I know from his word
Through much tribulation Must follow their Lord
Through much tribulation Must follow their Lord (Chorus)

4. Since all that I meet will work for my good,
The bitter is sweet, The medicine food;
Though painful at present, will cease before long,
And then, O! how glorious, The conqueror's song!
And then, O! how glorious, The conqueror's song! (Chorus)

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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)

CoreValues (our fundamental commitments):

- I. Knowing truth from God (Scripture)
- 2. Being right with God (Justification)
- 3. Living life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

- I. 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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