



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 2, 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

We are called to worship God and respond with the rationale for our worship: the desire to exult in the experience of the beauty of the Lord.

Psalms 33, 27 ESV

^{33:1} Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! [leader]

Praise befits the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

^{27:4} **One thing have I asked of the LORD,** [people]

that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD

and to inquire in his temple.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In this hymn we enumerate and celebrate various attributes and works of God which motivate our worship.

"O Worship the King"

(Trinity Hymnal #2)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The Sabbath is meant to point us to and give us an opportunity for focused delight in the Lord Himself, which is not only a commandment, but a gift and a privilege.

Isaiah 58:13, 14 ESV

¹³ "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,

and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;
14 then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess both the beauty of the Lord and our failure to reflect it, requesting grace to redress that failure.

O God, our heavenly Father, the thrice holy One, we confess to you that we have failed to reflect the utterly beautiful splendor of your character, in violation of our created calling. In asserting our autonomy and imagined independence from you, we have adorned ourselves with the ugliness of fear, self-assertion, arrogance, and pride. We have neglected you and others in order to advance, promote, and aggrandize ourselves, thereby displaying the wretchedness of alienation, which is the essence of death. By your grace we recognize and acknowledge our inability to change ourselves or our estate, and thus cast ourselves upon you and the work of our beautiful Savior, Jesus Christ, who loved us and selflessly gave Himself for us and our sins upon the cross. Trusting in His work, we humbly ask that you imbue us with His gentle and quiet spirit, giving us true life, and enabling us to reflect His and your beauty to a watching and needy world, that your beauty might fill the earth, and that you may delight in it and us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

One, perhaps the greatest, benefit of our salvation, is that we are enabled to perceive and rejoice in the glory of God, and for that experience to transform us to reflect that same glory.

2 Corinthians 3:17, 18 ^{ESV}

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We praise our fairest Savior as we sing His beauty.

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #170)

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)

"Sabbath Rest: The Goal of Our Creation" ("Biblical Church Growth" Part II)

* Exodus 31

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.

"This Day at Thy Creating Word"

(Trinity Hymnal #394)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

This verse comes at the end of a passage describing the unrestrained giving by the people of their resources to build the Temple in Jerusalem, following King David's example. We should note that the result of their willing and generous giving was great joy. This pattern still hold true for God's people today.

I Chronicles 29:9 ESV

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

(Trinity Hymnal #585, v. 1,6)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship rehearsing the beauty and goodness of the Lord in this adaptation of the 23rd Psalm.

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Trinity Hymnal #184)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

July 2, 2023

"Sabbath Rest: The Goal of Our Creation" ("Biblical Church Growth" Part II)

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 31

Introduction:

What is the meaning of Sabbath and how do we sanctify it today?

I. The theology of the Sabbath

A. Sabbath in creation.

B. Sabbath in the Mosaic Covenant.

C. Sabbath in the New Covenant.

II. The experience of the Sabbath

A. Sabbath as holiness.

B. Sabbath as rest.

C. Sabbath as delight.

III. The blessing of the Sabbath.

A. For us.

B. For the world.

— 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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