

The Lord's Day, Sunday, June 4, 2023

"...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.

* Indicates congregational standing

We Approach the Lord

Call to Worship

In our call to worship today, we acknowledge that it is both proper and pleasant to worship God, and that He has been gracious to us to reveal to us how to live in His presence.

Psalm 147:1, 19-20 ESV

¹ Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.
²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise and celebrate the holiness of God and call all He has made to worship that holiness, looking forward to the joy of intimate fellowship with Him in eventual perfected holiness.

"You Holy Angels Bright"

(Trinity Hymnal #18)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

There are things in this life which defile us, make us unclean, because they involve sin. Defilement by these things requires periodic cleansing, which involves recognition, confession, and forgiveness. These are in addition to the cleansing from guilt that is ours through the atonement received through the death of Christ.

Leviticus 11:20-28 ESV

"All winged insects that go on all fours are detestable to you. ²¹ Yet among the winged insects that go on all fours you may eat those that have jointed legs above their feet, with which to hop on the ground. ²² Of them you may eat: the locust of any kind, the bald locust of any kind, the cricket of any kind, and the grasshopper of any kind. ²³ But all other winged insects that have four feet are detestable to you.

²⁴ "And by these you shall become unclean. Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening, ²⁵ and whoever carries any part of their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. ²⁶ Every animal that parts the hoof but is not cloven-footed or does not chew the cud is unclean to you. Everyone who touches them shall be unclean. ²⁷ And all that walk on their paws, among the animals that go on all fours, are unclean to you. Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening, ²⁸ and he who carries their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; they are unclean to you.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We appeal to the One from whose side flowed blood and water, the only things which can cleanse of from the guilt and power of sin.

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

(Trinity Hymnal #499)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Both forgiveness and cleansing are aspects of the work of Christ for us, and of His promise to all who acknowledge their sin and turn to Him.

I John I:8.9 ESV

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 III proclaim; And when I safely reach my home, 'II still adore His name.

"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" * 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.

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

(Trinity Hymnal #415)

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.

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

(Trinity Hymnal #415 v.5)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

* Doxology

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 4, 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, vv. .

A. The bronze basin.

B. The census tax.

C. The altar of incense

II. Holiness is necessary to be useful to God, vv. .

A. The bronze basin.

B. The anointing oil.

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

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):

- 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

