

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, June 14, 2020

"...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*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Because God has called and gathered us to Himself, our home is not this present world, but the world to come, the New Heavens and New Earth, toward which we are moving even now.

Psalm 107:1-3 ESV

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

As you meditate upon and sing the words of this hymn, recognize how they speak of a sojourn: that of Christ as He entered the world to redeem His people, always with glory as His ultimate destination, and that of us as we follow in His train in this world, becoming like Him in His death in order that we may share in His glory (Philippians 3:10, 11).

"O Jesus, We Adore Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #255)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God demands that we be holy, because we are identified with Him, and He is holy. This means that we must be distinct, different from the world in the way we live, our values and character, because the world is corrupted by sin. Having been redeemed from slavery to sin, the natural response is holiness of lifestyle, which is a requirement, not an option.

Leviticus 19:1, 2 ^{ESV}

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our failure to be holy rightly tends to make us fearful, but this confession also points us to the only thing which quenches our fear: the Pearl of great price, Jesus our Savior.

"Laden with Guilt and full of Fears"

1. Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace
Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face
In every page.

2. This is the field where, hidden, lies
The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows
To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

3. This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Because of the work of Christ, those who are united to Him through faith are necessarily being renewed in the image of God, including in holiness.

Colossians 2:11-14, 3:1-10 ESV

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood

against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Ephesians 7:17-24 ^{ESV}

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

As John tells us, perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18), both God's love for us which moved Him to save us, and our love for God which is borne of an awareness of His grace and mercy. We celebrate the deliverance from fear given by the gospel as we sing this hymn.

"Poor Sinner, Dejected, with Fear"

1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.
2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go",
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.
3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

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

"A Perspective on Identity" Part III

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* 1 Peter 1:1,2

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.

"Highways in Our Hearts – Psalm 84"

How lovely your dwelling place, LORD of hosts!
My soul longs and faints even for the LORD's courts!
My heart and my flesh to the living God sing!
A sparrow will there find a home.
A swallow a nest also has for herself,
And there with your altars her young she has laid.

My king and my God, LORD of Hosts, they are blessed
Who dwell in your house; they will praise you again !
And blessed is the man who finds his strength in you;
In their heart there are highways. As they journey on,
The Valley of Baca they make like a spring;
It also is covered with blessings by rain.

From strength unto strength they will walk, then appear
Before God At Zion. O LORD, God of Hosts,
Attend to my prayer; God of Jacob, give ear.
O God see our shield; Your Messiah's face view!
Because just one day spent inside of your courts
Is better by far than one thousand removed.

To stand, O my God, at the door of your house,
I'd choose over living in tents full of sin.
Because the LORD God is a sun and a shield,
The LORD will give glory and grace.
From those walking rightly no good will refuse —
O blessed is the man, LORD of hosts, who trusts in you!

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Because neither our confidence nor our treasure is in the things of this world, we are freed to give generously to God and His cause.

Matthew 6:19-21 ESV

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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(See Communion)

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 close our worship today with a song of reflection, as exiles in this world, on our destination and true home, the heavenly Promised Land wherein dwell righteousness and peace.

* "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

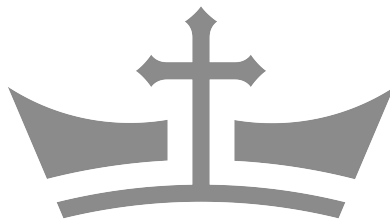
CH: I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.
(Repeat chorus)

4. When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?
(Repeat chorus)

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Benediction



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