



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, July 10, 2016

"...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 gray 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.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Our call to worship today asserts that it is the one who greatly delights in God's commandments that truly fears the Lord, and thus is also the one who is greatly graced with both spiritual and material blessings.

Psalm 112:1-4 ESV

1 Praise the Lord!

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Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

2 His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

6 For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

7 He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

9 He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

10 The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

The praise of our opening hymn today centers around the goodness and glory of God revealed in all the facets, obvious and not-so-obvious, of His manifold creation. To the degree that He gives us eyes to see it, our hearts burst with the most fervent adoration.

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Trinity Hymnal #116)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

God commands His people to value His Word as contained in His commands so highly that it is their meditation and the occasion of discussion in every situation of life. This is because, as Jesus knew, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ^{ESV}

⁶ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Notice the focus on the neglect of God's Word and the breaking of His laws in our prayer of confession today.

"Kind And Merciful God, We Have Sinned" (Trinity Hymnal #496)

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The Word of God is the very means by which we are saved and obtain eternal life.

John 5:24 ^{ESV}

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice in both the Word of God who saved us and His Word through which we are saved in this joyful hymn of praise, celebrating both the wonder and the means of our salvation.

"O Word of God Incarnate" (Trinity Hymnal #140)

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

We heAr inStruction from the Lord

Sermon

“An RSVP to God” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Psalm 19^{ESV}

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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, (**or universal*)
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

“How Firm a Foundation” (Trinity Hymnal #94)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The words “double honor” here actually almost certainly refers to professional remuneration for those whose calling is full-time teaching and preaching. This is part of the ministry to which we are giving as we present our tithes and offerings in worship, thus obeying this command of the Lord.

1 Timothy 5:17, 18 ^{ESV}

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.”

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

As we close our worship today, we return to our original theme, the glory of God in His creation, supplemented by one additional note, His sovereignty and eventual triumph over the corruption of that creation through sin, of which we would know nothing apart from the revelation of His written Word..

“This Is My Father’s World” (Trinity Hymnal #111)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

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Psalm 19

Introduction:

How do we need to respond to God's self-revealing activity?

I. We need to recognize God's glory in Creation, vv. 1-6.

A. The fallacious futility of secular science.

B. The boundless blessing of sacred science.

II. We need to *value God's blessing through the Word*, vv. 7-11.

A. Its abundant profit.

B. Its relative worth.

III. We need to *apply God's revelation to our hearts*, vv. 12-14.

A. Ignorance.

B. Responsibility.

C. Purpose.

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

