



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 18, 2021

"...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

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm juxtaposes God's transcendent greatness with His willingness to minister to the lowliest of Human beings, a quality He values in His people, as we shall see today.

Psalm 113 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
- ² Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
- ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
⁶ who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
- ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸ to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
- ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

In our opening hymn we praise God for giving His Word, through which is mediated to us eternal life.

"O Word of God Incarnate"

(Trinity Hymnal #140)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

You are probably among those who accept God's Word as being true, but do you tremble at it? This is a question well worth pondering.

Isaiah 66:1, 2 ^{ESV}

¹ Thus says the LORD:

"Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?

² All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the LORD.

But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

At first glance, the psalmist in this passage seems to be celebrating the fact that He always keeps God's commandments, but a closer examination reveals His acknowledgement of sin ("Turn my heart") and his appeal to/hope in God for salvation, which only sinners need. The emphasis on obedience amplifies the expression of true confession and repentance, which always involve a determined desire and effort to obey God's law.

Responsive reading, Psalm 119:33–56

(Trinity Hymnal pgs. 829-30)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God's Word asserts, first, that all are sinners; second, that all who confess their sins (which includes repentance) are forgiven; third, that deliverance from sin includes cleansing from sin as well as pardon, so that we "walk in the light" and have fellowship with God, which is the purpose for which we are saved at all.

I John 1:5–9 ^{ESV}

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ 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**

Our focus in this hymn of gratitude is the mercy and goodness of God, qualities which, as we shall see in today's sermon, we are called to emulate.

"When All Your Mercies, O My God"

I. When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise
Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From Whom those comforts flowed.

CHORUS: Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise
For oh, eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise!

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
With health renewed my face
And when in sins and sorrow sunk
Renewed my soul with grace
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.(Repeat chorus)
3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.(Repeat chorus)

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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. These will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "**We offer these our prayers,**" followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.*

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"The Heart of True Religion"

* James 1:19–27

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.

"Blessed Is the Man"

(Trinity Hymnal #564)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

We are called to be "rich toward God." The opportunity is given to do thus as we present our offerings to God in formal worship.

Luke 12:19–21 ESV

And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."²⁰ But God said to him,

'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

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 go from gathered worship today, we meditate upon the richness and benefits of God's Word, and pray that we might embody it fully as salt and light in a dark world.

"Your Word Is Like a Garden, Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #139)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

July 18, 2021

"The Heart of True Religion"

James 1:19–27

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What are the elements of a proper conception of religion?

I. True religion involves *humble receptiveness* to God's Word,
vv. 19–21.

A. Listening.

B. Submitting.

C. Hoping.

II. True religion involves *active commitment* to God's Word, vv. 22–25.

A. Awareness vs. commitment.

B. Information vs. law.

III. True religion involves *distinctive embodiment* of God's Word,
v. 26, 27.

A. Sanctified speech.

B. Selfless service.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: