



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, July 9, 2017

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*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.*

*\* Indicates congregational standing*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*We are called to worship today because of the appropriateness of praising God, since His work on our behalf inspires such praise. It is this awareness of God's grace to us that causes us to adore Him, to the degree that we perceive it..*

Psalm 92:1-4 ESV

Leader:

1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
3 to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

Congregation:

4 For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\* Hymn of Praise

*Notice the exultant declaration in verse 5: "All idols underfoot be trod! The Lord is God! The Lord is God!" It is our forsaking of the idols in our heart that allows us to see God as He is and worship and serve Him gladly.*

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (Trinity Hymnal #4)

\* Reading from the Law

*What we want to see today from this command is the necessity of a sacrifice to atone for our sins, even those committed unintentionally. What this ultimately means is that we must trust in the sacrifice that God has made for us in Jesus Christ, since only He can adequately atone for sin (Hebrews 10:4).*

Leviticus 4:27-35 ESV

<sup>27</sup>“If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any one of the things that by the Lord’s commandments ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, <sup>28</sup>or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed. <sup>29</sup>And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering. <sup>30</sup>And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. <sup>31</sup>And all its fat he shall remove, as the fat is removed from the peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasing aroma to the Lord. And the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven. <sup>32</sup>“If he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish <sup>33</sup>and lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering. <sup>34</sup>Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. <sup>35</sup>And all its fat he shall remove as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar, on top of the Lord’s food offerings. And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*The words of this prayer would have been an apt expression of confession and repentance for Jonah, and so they are for us, for we are like him.*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The testimony of the psalmist here is the testimony of Jonah and of all who have experienced the saving grace of God, which has spiritually resurrected them, giving them the confidence of the gospel: favor with God.*

Psalm 116:3-9 ESV

- 3 The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4 Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- 6 The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;
- 9 I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*To experience the grace of the Christian life we must first understand the truth which this hymn celebrates: that God is inclined to love and draw near to us in our need, not to reject those who come to Him.*

“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!” (Trinity Hymnal #498)

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Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

“The Gospel Experience that Inspires Mission” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Jonah 1:17-2:10 ESV

<sup>17</sup> And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. <sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup> saying, “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. <sup>3</sup> For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. <sup>4</sup> Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ <sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head <sup>6</sup> at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. <sup>7</sup> When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!”

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!



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.*

### Offering Meditation

*The presentation of offerings to God as a visible and public part of our worship is sometimes seen as undesirable because it is viewed as haughty and bringing attention to ourselves. The psalmist here indicates by his declared intention that exactly the opposite is the case. He pays his vows “in the presence of all his people” and “in the courts of the house of the Lord” precisely to demonstrate the goodness of the Lord to him, not his own goodness.*

Psalm 116:17-19 <sup>ESV</sup>

17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
18 I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,  
19 in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

### Presentation of Offerings

\* 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

*Our closing hymn moves from an appeal for God to show us mercy to a request that all nations be brought to a desire to praise Him, which only comes about through our testimony, inspired by God's mercy to us. This is the progression of all true mission, and the application of our sermon today.*

\* "O God, to Us Show Mercy" (Trinity Hymnal #437)

Benediction

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# VISION

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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)

Core Values (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

***How can you be a part of all this?***

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# SERMON NOTES

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“The Gospel Experience that Inspires Mission” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Jonah 1:17-2:10

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Introduction:

*How does a true Christian's experience of the gospel equip him for reaching the lost?*

- I. *Acknowledgment of our natural condition before God inspires empathy with the world.*
  - A. The reason we suffer.

- B. The result we deserve.

- II. *Thankfulness* for our gracious empowerment by God inspires our *hope* for the world.
  - A. That for which Jonah was not thankful.

- B. That for which Jonah was thankful.

- III. *Identification* with humanity's necessary response to God inspires *appeal* to the world.
  - A. Jonah's response.

- B. The sailors' response.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: