



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, July 28, 2019

“...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

This call to worship presents the perspective essential to the fulfillment of the Church's Commission: conviction of the absolute exclusiveness of the supremacy and the absolute certainty of the victory of the Lord over all His enemies and anything or anyone who rivals or opposes Him.

Psalm 135 ^{ESV}

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,

² who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!

³ Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

⁴ For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.

⁵ For I know that the LORD is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

⁶ Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.

⁷ He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,
who makes lightnings for the rain
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

⁸ He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
both of man and of beast;

⁹ who in your midst, O Egypt,
sent signs and wonders
against Pharaoh and all his servants;

¹⁰ who struck down many nations
and killed mighty kings,

¹¹ Sihon, king of the Amorites,
and Og, king of Bashan,
and all the kingdoms of Canaan,

- ¹² and gave their land as a heritage,
a heritage to his people Israel.
- ¹³ Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
- ¹⁴ For the LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.
- ¹⁵ The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
- ¹⁶ They have mouths, but do not speak;
they have eyes, but do not see;
- ¹⁷ they have ears, but do not hear,
nor is there any breath in their mouths.
- ¹⁸ Those who make them become like them,
so do all who trust in them.
- ¹⁹ O house of Israel, bless the LORD!
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!
- ²⁰ O house of Levi, bless the LORD!
You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
- ²¹ Blessed be the LORD from Zion,
he who dwells in Jerusalem!
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

*We sing of the glory of the Gospel we are called to proclaim in this
hymn of praise to the God about whom it speaks.*

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (Trinity Hymnal #172)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The conquest of Canaan was a type of the conquest of the nations which God has committed to us, the Church, through the discipling of all nations commanded in the Great Commission. As with Joshua, along with attention to obedience to God's law, one thing is necessary and therefore commanded: to "be strong and courageous." How obedient have you been to this command?

Joshua 1:6-9 ^{ESV}

⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession and prayer for mercy also contains a prayer for deliverance from enemies who, by implication, accuse of wrongdoing and justify their mistreatment on that basis. The final prayer is that God will refute such logic by blessing and showing that His mercy attends us and is the answer to all who would accuse and attack us.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 86; Trinity Hymnal pp. 814-815

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

There is an apparent logic to the accusations of Satan which cripple Christians. After all, we still sin. But God here reasons with sinners that their sins will be cleansed. This can only be on the basis of the atonement provided by Christ, which makes it just for God to forgive and cleanse us (1 John 1:9). This is the reasonable logic of the gospel, by which we triumph over Satan and his accusations (Revelation 12:11).

Isaiah 1:18 ^{ESV}

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

No one can refute the perfect logic of the gospel, which God Himself backs up.

“Before the Throne of God Above”

- I. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is “Love”
Who ever lives and pleads for me

*My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin

*Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.*

3. Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!

*One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.*

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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 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

“Dealing with Gospel Reactions” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

*** Acts 26:24-32** ^{ESV}

²⁴ And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” ²⁵ But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. ²⁶ For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” ²⁸ And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” ²⁹ And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.” ³⁰ Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. ³¹ And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.” ³² And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

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.

"My Heart Does Overflow" (Trinity Hymnal #169)

"All for Jesus" (Trinity Hymnal #565)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The presentation of our bodies in offering for God's service is our "reasonable service." Tithes and offerings given in public worship are part of the tangible indication that we have rendered this service.

Romans 12:1 ^{ESV}

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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 leave today reaffirming our commitment to Christ and His cause, no matter what the sacrifice..

* **“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”**

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.
2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.
4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.
5. Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.
6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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Benediction