



CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 1, 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

*We are encouraged to praise the Lord in this psalm because his works, the manifestations of his character and promises, are evident for all to see. Likewise, as the psalmist says at the end of the psalm, the **practice** of wisdom is a visible indication and manifestation of our fear of the Lord and of a faith based on right understanding.*

Psalms 111 ESV

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In this hymn we proclaim the unwavering faith that produces works of endurance and perseverance.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

(Trinity Hymnal #92)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This symbolic law, like others in the Torah, was emblematic of the obligation and commitment of God's holy people to live pure lives of holiness, unmixed with flirtations with the world's values or with sin.

Deuteronomy 22:11 ^{ESV}

"You shall not wear cloth of wool and linen mixed together."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this adaptation of Psalm 51, we confess, among other things, that we, unlike God, are full of sin and impure, asking God to give us clean and pure hearts.

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

1. God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We have been saved apart from works precisely so that we can do good works. Thus our salvation in one sense has nothing to do with works, and in another sense has everything to do with them.

Ephesians 2:8–10 ^{ESV}

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that

no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

Faith and obedience go together like peanut butter and jelly. They are together the evidence of salvation and the path to covenant blessing.

"Trust and Obey"

(Trinity Hymnal #672)

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 Faith That Saves"

* James 2:14–26

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.

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #679)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our hearts are revealed by our works, including our willingness to give to the Lord and to His Church and mission.

Matthew 6:19–21 ESV

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

"Lord of All Good, We Bring Our Gifts to You" (Trinity Hymnal #435)

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 exhorting one another to the blessedness of good works produced by faith, which is the substance of true Christianity.

"Take Time To Be Holy"

(Trinity Hymnal #537)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

August 1, 2021

"The Faith That Saves"

James 2:14–26

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What is the true relationship of faith and works?

I. Works make professed faith *useful*, vv. 14–17.

A. The ease of professed faith.

B. The deadness of false faith.

II. Works make professed faith *valid*, w. 18, 19.

A. Faith and evidence.

B. Assent and commitment.

III. Works make professed faith *complete*, vv. 20–26.

A. The purpose of faith.

B. The result of faith.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: