



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, July 31, 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.

*Note: * indicates that the congregation stands during this element of worship.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

The key phrase in our call to worship today is the question: "Who is like the LORD our God...?" His uniqueness includes the tension we saw last week of His utter greatness combined with His willingness to draw near even the lowly, which this psalm goes on to assert. This stimulates us to worship. Let it do so for you 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

As we have pointed out many times in our singing of this hymn, it is verse 5 which is the heart of this great hymn of praise, as it echoes the cries of the people of Israel on Mt. Carmel as Elijah, in a showdown with the prophets of the false God Baal, demonstrated through God's miraculous and fiery consumption of His offering, that God is the only true God. Thus follows the repeated exhortation of the hymn: all praise is to be given to God.

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

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

As important as the command itself is the rationale given by God in the Preamble to the Ten Commandments, repeated in verse 6. God has the right to our exclusive devotion as our Lord because He has redeemed us, all of us, from our sin, of which the Exodus was a picture. This includes lordship over all of life, since we live our lives constantly "before Him," that is, in His presence, no matter where we are or what we do. This highlights not only the totality of our responsibility to Him, but also the ubiquitous pervasiveness of the danger and temptation of idolatry.

* Deuteronomy 5:6, 7 ^{ESV}

⁶ "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

⁷ "You shall have no other gods before me.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We see in this confession the same hope proclaimed in the Preamble to the Ten Commandments. God is our Redeemer as well as our Creator. "He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Responsive reading, Psalm 130; Trinity Hymnal p. 833

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

There is only one God, and likewise there is only one Mediator between us and Him. In accord with all we have seen in our service today thus far, this Mediator is eminently qualified for His office, since He is God who took upon Himself human nature, humbling Himself so that He could redeem human beings and reconcile them to Himself. The reality of that reconciliation is forever demonstrated, confirmed, and sealed in the Person of Jesus Christ Himself, the God-man.

1 Timothy 2:5, 6 ^{ESV}

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Hymn of Assurance

As we celebrate our redemption, we ask the only logical question: "How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?" Worship as you sing in wonder at the marvel of God's grace.

* "And Can It Be that I Should Gain" (Trinity Hymnal #455)

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

“The One True God Versus the Pretenders”

(Rev. Justin Westmoreland)

* Psalm 115^{ESV}

¹ Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

² Why should the nations say,

“Where is their God?”

³ Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.

⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.

6 They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.
7 They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
8 Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.
9 O Israel, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
12 The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;
13 he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.
14 May the LORD give you increase,
you and your children!
15 May you be blessed by the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!
16 The heavens are the LORD's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
17 The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the 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.

Psalm 121 "I Lift Up My Eyes"

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains,
But what is the source of my aid?
My help can be found only with the LORD;
Both heaven and earth he has made.
2. He never allows for your foot to slip;
Your keeper does not go to sleep.
See now that the keeper of Israel,
He never will slumber nor sleep.
3. The LORD is your keeper; on your right hand
The LORD as your shade covers you.
The sun will not strike you throughout the day,
And neither at night will the moon.
4. From all that is evil the LORD keeps you;
Your life he will surely keep safe.
Both your going out and your coming in
The LORD will keep now and always.

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"All for Jesus"

1. All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.
2. Let my hands perform His bidding,
Let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only,
Let my lips speak forth His praise.

*CH: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

3. Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,
Cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;
Only Jesus will I trust. (*Chorus*)

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Offering Meditation

Giving God His due glory includes presenting to Him offerings in the context of public, formal worship, as He has commanded. Do so now as an act of worship of the One True God.

Psalm 96:8 ^{ESV}

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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

As you sing the words, "Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells..." let it be your renewed expression of commitment to find your ultimate satisfaction in God Himself as you are united to Him by faith in Jesus Christ.

* Jesus, the Lord, My Savior

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.
 2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.
- CH: Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.*
3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.
 4. "Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,
"For He for me was slain;"
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

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Benediction

VISION

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

SERMON NOTES

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— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: