



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, July 14, 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

As we are called to worship we are called to “make known His deeds among the peoples.” This clarifies an important truth: that proclaiming the gospel to the nations and to people who have not heard is an integral component of our worship of God.

Psalm 105:1-3 ESV

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Christianity is about Jesus Christ, the object of the pure praise we offer as we sing this hymn.

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” (Trinity Hymnal #167)

* Reading from the Law

The first and fundamental command of God to mankind was the Cultural Mandate: to rule over all of His creation as His representative by harnessing and developing its potential and filling it with people who would work together to do this in complementary ways. The second, issued in light of the Fall of man, was to the church as the instrument that is to make that original mandate possible again through Christ.

Genesis 1:26-28; Matthew 28:18-20 ^{ESV}

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession incorporates several elements relevant to the theme of our service today: God as our help in times of persecution, turning to God in repentance, and the desire that enemies be put to shame.

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

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Because God has extended mercy to us in Christ and called us into His light, we are to “walk in the light” (Ephesians 5:8, 9) so that others see our good deeds and come into the light, resulting in praise when Christ comes again. The pattern is clear. We receive mercy, we repent and live redeemed, holy lives, and God uses this to build His kingdom. This is the program of the Gospel.

1 Peter 2:9-12 ESV

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We not only celebrate God's grace and love to us in this hymn, but also pray for the continuation of His work in us to bring us to perfection and holy service to Him.

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (Trinity Hymnal #529)

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

“Staying on Message” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 26:19-23 ESV

¹⁹ “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰ but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. ²¹ For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. ²² To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: ²³ that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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.

“The Man Who Once Has Found Abode” (Trinity Hymnal #90)

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (Trinity Hymnal #432)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Our giving of tithes and offerings is but one of the expressions of our love for God, which, like all the others, begins with His initiative of love toward us. It is the gospel which motivates us to give.

I John 4:19 ^{ESV}

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

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 close our worship declaring our sufficiency in Christ and praising Him who is the object of our faith for His beauty and love.

* 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