



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, August 11, 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

All nations are commanded to praise and worship the Lord, and this is the goal of the Great Commission. The rationale given here for that praise is the faithfulness and reliable love of God, the very thing which gives His people confidence as they seek to call the nations to acknowledge and worship that one true God.

Psalm 117 ^{ESV}

¹ Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

² For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

We proclaim our confidence in the power and victory of God in Christ for and through His Church.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Trinity Hymnal #92)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

*** Reading from the Law**

Faith in God to inherit what He had promised was crucial for the people of God in the Old Testament, just as it is for us as His people now to receive our inheritance of the whole earth (Matthew 5:5).

Numbers 13:25-14:12 ^{ESV}

²⁵ At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land.

²⁶ And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and

the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.²⁹ The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.”

³⁰ But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”³¹

Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.”³²

So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height.³³ And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

¹ Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night.² And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!³ Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword?

Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?”⁴ And they said to one another,

“Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”⁵ Then Moses and

Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel.⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb

the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes⁷ and said to all the congregation of the

people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land.⁸ If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us

into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

⁹ Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed

from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.”¹⁰ Then all

the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.¹¹

And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that

I have done among them?¹² I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier

than they.”

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Here we pray for deliverance from all the beguiling power of sin, which causes us to doubt the goodness and wisdom of the God whose law is given for our welfare and His glory, which are not opposed to each other, but congruent.

“By Thy Mercy”

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:
2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,
- CH: By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*
3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.
4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace. *(Chorus)*
5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.
6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay. *(Chorus)*

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The gospel is here summarized in terms of the inheritance into which God has brought us as His people, a destiny that cannot fail and cannot be taken from us.

I Peter 1:3-9 ^{ESV}

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We can engage fully in our ministry of the gospel because its success is assured due to God's promise to be with us, a fact we celebrate in this wonderful hymn, taken from Isaiah 43.

“Isaiah 43”

1. When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not
Overcome you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

*CH: For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)*

2. When you walk through the fire
You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not
Consume you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

Author unknown.

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

“The Power of Apostolic Ministry” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

*** Acts 27:39-28:10** ^{ESV}

³⁹ Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. ⁴² The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³ But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land. ¹ After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ² The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. ³ When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. ⁴ When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” ⁵ He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. ⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸ It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. ⁹ And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. ¹⁰ They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

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.

“All Must Be Well”

- I. Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well
3. We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well.

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“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” (Trinity Hymnal #359) vv. 1-3

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The early believers were not Communists or even socialists, since their giving was occasional and voluntary. Rather, their giving was an expression of the goodness of God. So should ours be.

Acts 4:34, 35 ^{ESV}

³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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 celebrating the power of God which empowers the ministry to which He has called us in the world to which we return now.

* **“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”** (Trinity Hymnal #119)

Benediction