



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, August 16, 2020

"...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.

The nursery is currently unstaffed as a safety precaution.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude

Call to Worship

God's capacity to condescend, from His position of transcendence, not only to notice the plight and suffering of the most needy and lowly His creatures, but also to come to their aid and lift them up, is the rationale in this psalm for our praise of Him, and the basis of our call to worship 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

We begin our worship today by celebrating the incomparable grace of our Lord as He knows and takes into account our weakness and our needs, and gently deals with us wisely and fully to bless us.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #76)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Paul's citation of this passage in the situation in which he found himself helps us to understand the breadth of its import, especially in the context of abuse at the hands of authority.

Exodus 22:28 ^{ESV}

"You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Acts 22:30-23:5 ^{ESV}

³⁰ But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.

^{23:1} And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day."

² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. ³ Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?" ⁴ Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?" ⁵ And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

Silent Confession of Sin
Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession is appropriate for the services beginning last week and through next week, dealing as it does with our failure to acknowledge and submit to legitimate human authority in our lives.

O God, our most merciful, sovereign Lord, we humbly confess that we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have each of us turned to his own way. We have neglected to recognize your absolute authority in our lives by rebelling in many ways against those to whom you have delegated that authority. We have disrespected those in positions of authority in government. We have failed to take heed to the admonitions of church officers. We have failed adequately to care for and listen to elderly parents. In these and many other ways we have offended your holy law and, like Israel of old, rejected you as King over us. But you, O Lord, are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. Remember your covenant, O our God, remember that we are weak and sinful, and by your mighty power grant to us not only pardon for these and our other transgressions, but also the resolve, vision, and strength to obey you and all the authorities you institute, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

This passage brings together many relevant themes for our service and sermon today: authority, submission, suffering, and grace. All of these are elements of the glorious gospel of our salvation, which together reveal the glory of God and of Christ.

Hebrews 2:5-10 ^{ESV}

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Our trials as well as our sins, which are often intertwined, can render us dejected and fearful, but it is to this estate that the gospel addresses itself, and speaks hope and joy to those who are weighed down, lifting them up. It is these realities of which this hymn testifies, so as you sing, take hope and rejoice in the gospel of grace!

"Poor Sinner, Dejected, with Fear"

1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, Go,
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

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

(Mike Biggs)

"The Propriety of Submission, Part I: Trials by Economic Authority"

* | Peter 2:18-25

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.

"Forever Trusting in the Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #671)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

This passage, whenever we take note of it, always reminds us of a pre imminent truth: that trials and difficulties often present us with opportunities to demonstrate our faith in and devotion to God more meaningfully and significantly than is possible otherwise.

Luke 21:1-4 ^{ESV}

¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

"My Maker and My King"

(w. 1,3)

1. My Maker and my King,
To Thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow.

3. Lord, what can I impart
When all is Thine before?
Thy love demands a thankful heart;
The gift, alas! how poor.
Thy love demands a thankful heart;
The gift, alas! how poor.

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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 with a prayer of submission to God's will, the very expression of that attitude mentioned in our sermon passage for today: entrusting ourselves to Him who judges justly.

* **"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"**

(Trinity Hymnal #688)

Benediction