

CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, August 23, 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

Holiness is beautiful (splendid), and the worship of God is to be conducted in this beautiful setting. It is inseparable from our corporate commitment to righteousness and holiness.

Psalm 29:1–2 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We both proclaim and celebrate the holiness of God, the essence of His beauty, and that which inspires our worship.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(Trinity Hymnal #100)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Holiness is a requirement because we were created to reflect God's nature, and He is holy. Holiness is beautiful, and part of that beauty is the virtue of gentleness, which is a fruit of the Spirit's work.

Leviticus 19:2^{ESV}

"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

Galatians 5:22–23^{ESV}

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Silent Confession of Sin Corporate Confession of Sin

We essentially ask in this confession that God would save us from our ugliness and instill in us His beauty, which is one aspect of our salvation.

O God, our heavenly Father, the thrice holy One, we confess to you that we have failed to reflect the utterly beautiful splendor of your character, in violation of our created calling. In asserting our autonomy and imagined independence from you, we have adorned ourselves with the ugliness of fear, self-assertion, arrogance, and pride. We have neglected you and others in order to advance, promote, and aggrandize ourselves, thereby displaying the wretchedness of alienation, which is the essence of death. By your grace we recognize and acknowledge our inability to change ourselves or our estate, and thus cast ourselves upon you and the work of our beautiful Savior, Jesus Christ, who loved us and selflessly gave Himself for us and our sins upon the cross. Trusting in His work, we humbly ask that you imbue us with His gentle and quiet spirit, giving us true life, and enabling us to reflect His and your beauty to a watching and needy world, that your beautiful might fill the earth, and that you may delight in it and us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Part of our salvation consists in the fact that we have been recreated and given a new nature that is able to reflect the image of God perfectly and properly.

Colossians 3:9–10 ^{ESV}

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Ephesians 4:17–24 ^{ESV}

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Living by fear is one of the marks of the unredeemed, but here we express the joy and confidence to which faith in Christ has led us at God's right hand.

"Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears"

1. Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace
Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face
In every page.
2. This is the field where, hidden, lies
The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows
To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.
3. This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.

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 II: Illustrated in Trials by Domestic Authority"

* 1 Peter 3:1-7

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.

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

(Trinity Hymnal #376)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Ironically enough, there is something indescribably beautiful about the scene of kings giving gifts to a baby in a manger found in a stable among smelly animals. It is the humility of the King, and that of the kings who wisely express their submission to Him through their gifts. Our giving in worship reflects the same realities, and the same wisdom.

Matthew 2:11 ESV

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

"God Is Known among His People"

(Trinity Hymnal #66, w. 1,4)

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 fittingly with a prayer for the humility and gentleness that are distinctive of God's holiness, and which are a mark of His work in us.

* "Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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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)

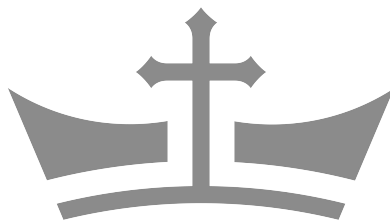
Core Values (our fundamental commitments):

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

How can you be a part of all this?



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