



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, September 11, 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.

** Indicates that the congregation stands during this element of worship.*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Our call to worship for today, responsively proclaimed, focuses upon God's goodness, defined as the good things He gives to His creatures, despite their fallenness and sin.

Psalms 103, 106 ^{ESV}

Leader:

1 Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,
or declare all his praise?

Congregation:

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

Leader:

4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

Congregation:

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

14 For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

Leader:

15 As for man, his days are like grass;
 he flourishes like a flower of the field;
16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
 and its place knows it no more.

Congregation:

17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to ever-
 lasting on those who fear him,
 and his righteousness to children's children,
18 to those who keep his covenant
 and remember to do his commandments.
19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
 and his kingdom rules over all.

Leader:

20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
 you mighty ones who do his word,
 obeying the voice of his word!
21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
 his ministers, who do his will!
22 Bless the LORD, all his works,
 in all places of his dominion.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God today in our opening hymn for His great works on our behalf, especially in the grace He shows us in our sin.

“To God Be the Glory” (Trinity Hymnal #55)

* Reading from the Law

God commands strict measures to prevent the spread of infectious contamination, in this passage in houses, the contamination being a figure of sin and its corrupting and spreading effects. Thus this passage is instructive on how God deals with sin in our lives, and how He wants us to deal with it.

Leviticus 14:34-45 ESV

⁴³ “If the disease breaks out again in the house, after he has taken out the stones and scraped the house and plastered it, ⁴⁴ then the priest shall go and look. And if the disease has spread in the house, it is a persistent leprous disease in the house; it is unclean. ⁴⁵ And he shall break down the house, its stones and timber and all the plaster of the house, and he shall carry them out of the city to an unclean place.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We might well be fearful when we become aware of the depth of our sin, but when we express our fears and confess our sins, as we do now in this hymn, we receive God’s comfort and healing grace, and it is good to sing of that as well.

“Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears”

I. 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.

©2001 Same Old Dress Music (ASCAP). Words: Isaac Watts. Music: Sandra McCracken. CCL #2223976.

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We repeat the heart of our call to worship again, a celebration of the goodness of God in His forgiveness of and patience with our sins.

Psalm 103:8-13 ESV

- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the grace of God that is truly greater than all our sin.

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” (Trinity Hymnal #465)

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 Goodness of God in the Midst of Sin” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Judges 10:6-11:40 ^{ESV}

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

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.

“Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear”

- I. 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.

© 2001 MPJ Music / Velveteen Songs. Words: William Gadsby. Music: Katy Bowser and Matthew Perryman Jones. CCL #2223976.

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

1. Come, Christians, join to sing alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again, alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Public Domain. Words: Christian Bateman. Music: Traditional Spanish folk melody.

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The only proper response to the saving grace of God is worship, expressed partially in the desire that power, wealth, honor, glory, blessing...be to the Lamb. We express just such worship as we present to the Lord our tithes and offerings.

Revelation 5:11-14 ESV

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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 leave today by going to the only place we can go for relief from the misery of our sin, to our only Refuge, Jesus Christ, once again appealing to Him for His ever-available grace.

* "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel
2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there
4. Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet.

© 1998 Kevin Twit Music. Words: Anne Steele. Music: Kevin Twit. CCL #2223976.

Benediction

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?



CHRIST
- THE KING -

2373 Classen Boulevard, Norman, Oklahoma 73071
PhoNe: 405.237.9CtK | fax: 405.701.0916 | ctknorman.org | office@ctknorman.org