

-THE KING-

The Lord's Day, September 20, 2020

"...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 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 understaffed.

* Indicates congregational standing

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude Call to Worship

We are called to worship today with several truths in the foreground: that we are commanded to declare His salvation and glory to the nations, that all things that would replace Him (idols) are worthless, and that He will judge the world according to His standard of righteousness. All of these truths are relevant to our service today, as they were last week.

Psalm 96 ESV

- Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
- Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

- Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!

 Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- before the LORD, for he comes,
 for he comes to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world in righteousness,
 and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Our praise of the Lord Jesus in light of His coming in judgment helps us to see things in their proper perspective now, especially His majesty and the importance of giving Him His due glory, obedience, and love.

"Christ Is Coming!"

(Trinity Hymnal #324)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

The choice of life or death is before us as it was before Israel of old, and this choice is in essence a choice to trust God or not (see the preceding four verses!).

Deuteronomy 30:15-20ESV

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession

of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.''

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We again use this confession, which is based upon the distinction between living according to the flesh (idolatrous passions) and living according to the Spirit, the heart of which is valuing supremely the will of God.

Almighty and most holy God, who is too holy to look upon evil, and who declares Himself to be a most jealous God, who will not tolerate the idols with which your people at times would replace you, we confess before you our utter shame in excusing and minimizing our offenses against you, treating them as trivial and insignificant, and our self-congratulatory toleration of the evil around us. We have failed to love what you love, and hate what you hate, and have instead embraced the vile things which repulse you and would destroy us. Forgive our foolishness and wickedness we pray, and give us grace enabling us to transcend our desire for peace when there is no peace, and to endure whatever strife is necessary to commit ourselves single-mindedly to the establishment of your Kingdom, beginning with the ruthless mortification of the iniquity within our own hearts,

through the power of our risen and victorious Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Eternal life is a matter of being united to Jesus Christ who alone is and alone imparts eternal life, and this life is manifested by walking in the light.

I John 1:1-10 ESV

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Leader: This is the gospel. Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

This hymn uses the Parable of the Lamps to set before us the contrast that will exist between those who have lived in expectation of Jesus's coming and those who have not.

"Rejoice, All Believers"

(Trinity Hymnal #320)

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

"Armed for Endurance"

(Mike Biggs)

* | Peter 4:1-7

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.

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Understanding and setting our hearts on eternal values orients us to the mindset which both enables and inspires our unrestrained giving to God.

Philippians 4:10-13, 19 ESV

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

"All for Jesus" vv 3,4

(Trinity Hymnal #565)

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 again with the song that has become our Hymn of the Month.

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

(verses 1-3, only)

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue. O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me; Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

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Benediction



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