



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, September 3, 2017

"...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 congregational standing*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

We begin our worship today by hearing God's call to worship him. We recognize that it is God who always initiates with sinners. This Psalm calls us to earnestly seek him and him alone. It is a call to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness to his promises. It is a call for us all remember that our soul can only be satisfied in God and God alone.

Psalm 63:1-8 ^{ESV}

- 1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

As you sing this hymn, celebrate the wonderful grace of God that has called you to worship him. Celebrate God's unchanging and steadfast love for you.

“Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing” (Trinity Hymnal #457)

* Reading from the Law

This passage points us back to the first commandment which says we are to have no other gods before the one true God. Today we focus on all the things we look to other than god to give us life and how fleeting those things are.

Jeremiah 2:13 ^{ESV}

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession places the accent on Jesus's work for us, not our work for Him.

O God, our fount of every blessing, you alone are our only source of life, satisfaction, meaning and purpose. We hear your invitation to come to you, the fountain of living waters, yet we confess that we have returned to the well of sin again and again. Though it reaps no reward, and doesn't quench our thirst, we are deeply allured by its taste, though its sweetness turns to the deepest bitterness. We confess that we look for life in possessions, positions, pleasures, and privileges. We have longed for comforts, entertainments, and attention. Forgive us we pray. Create in us clean hearts, O God. We thank you for your steadfast love and the hope of the gospel. We ask that you would fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Enable us to know the love of Christ for us and to live our lives in that love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Although the we look for life in other things, God is faithful in his steadfast love and has sent Jesus to be our savior. He lived the life we could not live and died the death we deserved to die. In Christ alone we have forgiveness of sin.

Romans 8:1-2 ESV

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

* Hymn of Assurance

We acknowledge that we are sinners poor and needy, yet Jesus stands ready to save us. He doesn't call the righteous but those who know their need to rest on him and him alone.

"Come, Ye Sinners"

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.
2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.
3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.
5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

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Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

Sermon

“Welcome To The Feast” (Rev. Matt Wiley)

* Isaiah 55 ^{ESV}

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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.

“We Will Feast In The House Of Zion”

CH: *We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)
2. In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)
3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

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Offering Meditation

The salvation that Jesus provides is free, but that does not mean that it cost nothing. Our giving is not a payment, but a response and an imitation, then, to the supreme act of giving that Jesus demonstrated on our behalf.

II Corinthians 8:9 ESV

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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

As we leave our worship today to go into the world knowing that Jesus is our High King of heaven and has won our victory. We are to proclaim to the world that Jesus is the Ruler of all.,

“Be Thou My Vision!” (Trinity Hymnal #642)

Presentation of Mercy Ministry Offerings

(during hymn)

Benediction