



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, October 28, 2018

“...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.

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

In our call to worship today we focus upon the glory of Christ in triumphing over the power of Satan and giving us victory in our spiritual battle.

Revelation 7:10, 12; 12:10 ^{ESV}

Leader: Let us worship God!

Congregation: Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

Congregation: Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

It is the Word of God, Christ, who enables us to “fell” the enemy of our souls, the Devil, as we declare as we sing this hymn.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Trinity Hymnal #92)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

This passage forbids God's people to be involved in practices of magic or the occult. It is significant that it is the practices, that is, the rituals, that are forbidden (and this, of course, includes the belief system associated with them). What occult practices or rituals are present in our modern society today?

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 ESV

⁹“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer ¹¹ or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, ¹² for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you. ¹³ You shall be blameless before the Lord your God, ¹⁴ for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do this.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Once again, this setting of David's classic prayer of confession in Psalm 51 forms the basis for our corporate confession and prayer for mercy.

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the
snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The crowning achievement of the work of Christ on our behalf is that He has triumphed over the Devil and his forces, the enemies of our souls (“rulers and authorities”) by disarming them, thus putting them to open shame. Satan is a defeated foe.

Colossians 2:8-15 ESV

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

* Hymn of Assurance

We exhort one another to abandon our fears in the light of the Gospel of grace, not only our fears of punishment, but also our fears of the consequences of obedience, particularly as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

“Give To The Winds Thy Fears”

1. Give to the winds thy fears,
Hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God will lift up,
God will lift up
God will lift up thy head
2. Leave to His sovereign sway
To choose and to command;
Then shalt thou, wandering, own His way,
How wise, how strong,
how wise, how strong
How wise, how strong His hand.

3. Far, far above thy thought,
His counsel shall appear
When fully He the work hath wrought
That caused thy need,
that caused thy need
That caused thy needless fear
4. Through waves and clouds and storms,
He gently clears the way;
Wait thou His time; so shall this night
Soon end in joy,
soon end in joy
Soon end in joyous day.

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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

“A Halloween Meditation” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 19:11-20 ESV

¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” ¹⁶ And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ¹⁸ Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. ¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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.

“Who is On the Lord’s Side?”

1. Who is on the Lord’s side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world’s side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord’s side? Who for Him will go?
By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side; Savior, we are Thine!
2. Not for weight of glory, not for crown and palm,
Enter we the army, raise the warrior psalm;
But for love that claimeth lives for whom He died:
He whom Jesus nameth must be on His side.
By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side; Savior, we are Thine!
3. Jesus, Thou hast bought us, not with gold or gem,
But with Thine own life blood, for Thy diadem;
With Thy blessing filling each who comes to Thee,
Thou hast made us willing, Thou hast made us free.
By Thy grand redemption, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side; Savior, we are Thine!
4. Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
But the King’s own army none can overthrow;
Round His standard ranging, victory is secure,
For His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side; Savior, we are Thine!
5. Who will stand for justice in a time of need
Who will hear the poor man and his children plead
Who will heal the rich man of his poverty
Who will tell the homeless of eternity
By Your love and mercy, and Your grace divine
We are on the Lord’s side
We are on the Lord’s side; Savior, we are Thine!

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The early believers were willing to part with riches associated with Satan's kingdom in order to follow Christ. We too should be willing to part with some of our treasure, even that which is not in itself evil, in demonstrating our commitment to Christ and to His kingdom.

Acts 19:19 ESV

And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

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 sing this hymn we declare that the gates of hell can never prevail against the Church. Many fail to realize that the picture implied is not of the Church holding out against the onslaught of Satan's kingdom, but of an aggressive, militant Church storming the gates of hell (gates being defensive, not offensive). Make this your battle cry and your commitment as you sing.

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” (Trinity Hymnal #572)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

October 23, 2018

“A Halloween Meditation” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 19:11-20

Introduction:

What can we learn from this passage about Kingdom warfare?

- I. Kingdom warfare must be *approached as essentially spiritual*, vv. 11, 12.
 - A. God is spiritual.

- B. The enemy is spiritual.

- II. Kingdom warfare must be waged *through faith*, vv. 13-17.
 - A. It is not magical.

- B. It is worshipful.

- III. Kingdom warfare must be *committed to God's power*, vv. 18-20.
 - A. Renouncing the power of magic.

B. Embracing the power of the Word.

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: