



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 20, 2022

"...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.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Call to Worship

Our call to worship today calls our attention to God's covenant, stating that He "remembers" it and that He has "commanded [it] forever." God's inconceivable binding of Himself to us His people is indeed cause for worship.

Psalm III *ESV*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader:² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be
remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good
understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

As we anticipate the holiday in the coming week with this traditional Thanksgiving hymn, we sing of ourselves as the covenant people, praising God and praying for the freedom that only He can give through the Gospel.

"We Gather Together"

(Trinity Hymnal #363)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We must always remember that the Gospel does not and should not remove the fear of the Lord from our hearts. Rather, it should cause us to appreciate how great the mercy of the Lord has been to us in light of the stringency, comprehensiveness, and uncompromising nature of His character, as expressed in His law. It is the proper fear of God which makes His grace to us so magnificent in our hearts.

Exodus 19:7–25 ^{ESV}

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this prayer of confession, we acknowledge that no one, including each of us, is righteous before God in and of himself. We accordingly express our utter reliance upon the Lord and His grace.

Responsive reading, Psalm 143

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The contrast between the message of the Mosaic covenant, which provided the proper context for the gospel, with the New Covenant, which brought the Gospel promises to fruition, is here proclaimed. Hallelujah! The blood of Christ "speaks a better word than the blood of Abel!"

Hebrews 12:18–24 ESV

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate now the heart of the Gospel: that our hope is not in ourselves or any other person or thing, but in Jesus Christ alone.

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(Trinity Hymnal #521)

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 will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"Two Mountains; Two Jerusalems"

* Galatians 4:21–31

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 and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

"The Praises of Thy Wonders, Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #41)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

In light of today's sermon, we might well compare this verse with a very similar one in the very next chapter, I Corinthians 7:23, which uses the same rationale to urge us not to be slaves. One of the ways we exhibit our freedom is to give freely, demonstrating that we are no longer slaves to the lust of the eyes, about which we have had much to say recently.

I Corinthians 6:20 ^{ESV}

"for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

(Trinity Hymnal #116)

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 celebrate the Gospel with adoration of the One who bought our and His victory through death.

"O Jesus, We Adore Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #255)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

November 20, 2022

"Two Mountains; Two Jerusalems"
Galatians 4:21–31

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What paradigmatic concepts are essential for a proper understanding of the Gospel?

I. We must understand the Gospel *biblically*.

A. In terms of biblical priority

B. In terms of biblical hermeneutics.

II. We must understand the Gospel *covenantally*.

A. The unity of the Covenant.

B. The roles of the covenants.

III. We must understand the Gospel *redemptively*.

A. Covenantal slavery.

B. Covenantal freedom.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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)

CoreValues (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



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