



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 15, 2023

"...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 reminds us that not only has the Lord done great things in the past and in history, but that He will continue to do so, including bringing the wicked to judgment and establishing those who fear His name.

Psalm 98 ESV

- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- ² The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
- ⁹ before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who is thrice holy (to the ultimate degree, and as Trinity), and whose name all His works shall praise, a fact which should give us confidence as His people.

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

(Trinity Hymnal #100)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Concern to protect the property entrusted to us as God's steward is not only wise, it is an obligation flowing from the eighth commandment.

Proverbs 11:15 ^{ESV}

Whoever puts up security for a stranger will surely suffer harm,
but he who hates striking hands in pledge is secure.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This prayer for merciful restoration and God's salvation can be applied to our country, but only through the agency of the Church, to whom it fundamentally and primarily has reference.

Responsive reading, Psalm 80

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 813–14)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Although paying the debt of another is often not a wise practice for us, nevertheless God paid our debt at the cost of the life of His Son, in part because, in His infallible sovereignty and wisdom, He knew that it would be consummated in our being made righteous and holy, thus vindicating His kindness and accomplishing its ultimate purpose in and for us.

Colossians 2:13–14 ^{ESV}

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.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

God's redemption of us, his payment of our debt and release of us from slavery, is an essential aspect of our salvation, and a source of the joy that is incumbent upon all whom He has saved.

"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

(Trinity Hymnal #701)

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)

"The Duty of Contentment" Part 3

* 2 Corinthians 10:3–5

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.

"O Jehovah, Hear My Words"

(Trinity Hymnal #51)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Jesus our Savior was willing to sacrifice His riches in order to provide salvation. We demonstrate an according willingness in response to His grace as we offer a portion of our riches to contribute to His building of His Church, the Temple of God.

2 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.

"Be Thou My Vision" vs 4.

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

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 pray for God's leading and blessing as we expectantly hope in victory in our battle with the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

(Trinity Hymnal #580)

Benediction