



The Lord's Day, January 17, 2016

"...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.

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Note that this call to worship commands us to declare the glory of the Lord, not only here in this service, but among the nations wherever we are.

Psalm 96:1-6 ^{ESV}

- 1 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.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

We recognize in this hymn of praise that our worship is animated and energized by the fact of the indwelling presence of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, who has united us to Him.

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” (Trinity Hymnal #379)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

Our obligation, in the light of these passages, is to know and to follow God’s Word, no matter what other influences may be present in our lives.

Deuteronomy 13:1-4; Isaiah 8:18, 19 ^{ESV}

- 1 “If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, ‘Let us go after other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us serve them,’ 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your

God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

¹⁸Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. ¹⁹And when they say to you, "Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter," should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living?

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

At the very heart of this confession and prayer for grace is the request, in its very middle, for an undivided heart.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 86; Trinity Hymnal pp. 814-815

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The mercy which God has shown us includes, and indeed can be summarized as, a translation of us from darkness into light. We are citizens of a kingdom of light. Let us avail ourselves of that light!

1 Peter 2: 9, 10 ^{ESV}

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn of Assurance

This wonderful hymn celebrates the fact that in Jesus is all that we could ever need or want, a fact undergirding our current theme in Ephesians of the fullness of Christ as our goal.

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head In the shadow of Thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.

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We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

“True Christian Maturity” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:14-16 ESV

¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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, (**or universal*)
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

“Upon A Life I Have Not Lived”

1. Upon a Life I have not lived,
Upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death:
I stake my whole eternity.
 2. Not on the tears which I have shed;
Not on the sorrows I have known:
Another's tears; Another's griefs:
On these I rest, on these alone.
- BR: *O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, my pardon there I see.*
3. Lord, I believe; O deal with me
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me
As one who has Thy gift received.
- BR: *O Jesus, O Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
O There both my life and death I read, my guilt, my pardon there I see.*

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“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, Thou may’st smile at all thy
foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst t’ assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hov’ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov’ring, Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which he gives them when they pray.
4. Saviour, if of Zion’s city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in the Name:
Fading is the worlding’s pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Zion’s children know.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Part of acknowledging the glory of God which is His due is bringing an offering and presenting it to God in formal worship. We have an opportunity to do this today, as always, in the giving of our tithes and offerings.

Psalm 96:8 ^{ESV}

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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 depart today with a hymn on our lips that expresses our confidence and belief in the unity that our union with Christ has achieved, and our participation in the triumph of the body which is blessed with that unity.

“The Church’s One Foundation”

1. The church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. The church shall never perish, Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, She ever shall prevail
5. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

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Benediction

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)
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Core Values (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

How can you be a part of all this?



SERMON NOTES

January 17, 2016

“True Christian Maturity” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:14-16

Introduction:

What are the characteristics of the maturity associated with the fullness of Christ?

I. True Christian maturity involves *doctrinal discernment*, v. 14.

A. Stability.

B. Shrewdness.

II. True Christian maturity involves *relational ministry*, v. 15.

A. The propagation of truth.

B. A context of love.

III. True Christian maturity involves *communal interdependence*, v. 16.

A. Organic growth.

B. Proper focus.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

