



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 8, 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 brings to mind the sovereignty of God, the futility of idolatry, the redemption that God supplies through defeat of human authorities, and the eventual and certain vindication of God's people, all relevant themes to the sermon series currently underway.

Psalm 135 ^{ESV}

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who rules all creation, establishes His justice, hears the cries of His people and leads and saves them, and banishes our fear.

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

In contrast to the attitude expressed by the common sentiment, "I don't want to get involved; it's none of my business!" the Word of God requires God's people to speak out against the abuse and mistreatment of the powerless and oppressed.

Proverbs 31:8–9 ^{ESV}

- 8 Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
- 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The heart of this confession is the acknowledgment of our self-centered indifference to the challenges, plights, and suffering experienced by other people

Lord God, we confess our failure to be true even to our own accepted standards, our unwillingness to apply to ourselves the standards of conduct we demand of others, our complacency towards wrongs that do not touch our own lives, our slowness to see the good in others and the evil in ourselves, our hardness of heart toward the faults of our neighbors and our readiness to make allowances for our own. O Lord, please forgive and grant us your pardon through Christ. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Although the Son of God dwelt in perfect bliss, He was willing to speak for us, to become our Advocate (defense attorney, so to speak) when we were helpless and slaves to sin.

1 John 2:1–2 ^{ESV}

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We exhort one another and all people to acknowledge the enthronement and sovereignty of Christ, whose rule restores our rule and inheritance, and is the basis of the establishment of eventual and ultimate peace and blessing, which we proclaim as we sing.

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Trinity Hymnal #295)

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 Contention" Part 2

* 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.

"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!

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our presentation of offerings in worship in the assembly of the Church, the New Temple, is a fulfillment of this prophecy of tribute brought to the King.

Isaiah 18:7 ^{ESV}

At that time tribute will be brought to the LORD of hosts
from a people tall and smooth,
from a people feared near and far,
a nation mighty and conquering,
whose land the rivers divide,
to Mount Zion, the place of the name of the LORD of hosts.

"The Ends of all the Earth Shall Hear"

(Trinity Hymnal #368)

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

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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