



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, February 26, 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

We are called to praise God in this psalm in part because of His affinity with the humble, as opposed to those who exalt themselves.

Psalm 147:1–7 *ESV*

1 Praise the LORD!

*For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

*2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.*

*3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.*

*4 He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.*

*5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.*

*6 The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.*

*7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for His commitment to His Word and His adherence to His own character in integrity, since He is Truth.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #32)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

*God here warns His people of the temptation to view His grace as the result of something within themselves, when it is always the product of His own character, something within **Himself**.*

Deuteronomy 7:6–8 ^{ESV}

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Notice that this confession and prayer for mercy contains several indications of humility: acknowledgment of helplessness and need, despair of confidence in associations, admission of weakness, and acknowledgment that the favor of men is the result of God's favor and grace.

Responsive reading, Psalm 142

(Trinity Hymnal p. 837)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Mary's song of praise to God not only acknowledges her humble estate, but couches the announcement of the Savior and the gospel itself in the rubric of God's action to lift up the humble and bring down the mighty (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:22-31).

Luke 1:46–55 ^{ESV}

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

 "My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

 For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

- 51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We acknowledge that our salvation is wholly the work of God in Christ on our behalf, and that we have nothing about which to boast with respect to it.

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

(Trinity Hymnal #461)

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)

"Dangers in the Pursuit of Holiness"

* Galatians 6:1-10

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.

"Together--Psalm 133"

- 1 Look, how good and pleasant it is
When brothers dwell together
When brothers dwell together In unity! (x2)
- 2 It is like fine oil poured
On the head and flowing down
To the hair of Aaron's beard,
To the corner of his robes.
- 3 It is like Mount Hermon's dew
On Zion's mountain flowing down,
For that is where the LORD commanded the blessing,
Life forevermore!

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The note here is not, as some suppose, that the early believers were socialists, but instead that they were attentive to the needs of each other and were willing to sacrifice their own possessions occasionally to meet those needs.

Acts 2:45 ESV

And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

(Trinity Hymnal #359)

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 close our worship with a prayer that summarizes all that our sermon text from today calls us to be and do, asking God to work it in us by giving us a true vision, not only of what He requires, but also of the reward it reaps.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

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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