



The Lord's Day, February 7, 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

This psalm pulsates with the vitality that proceeds from an intoxication with the greatness of God, leading to an unrestrained

and vigorous expression of worship. It is to this that God calls us today and always.

Psalm 150^{ESV}

- 1 Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty heavens!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
 praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound;
 praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;
 praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;
 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
 Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

We praise the Lord in pure adoration in this most worshipful of hymns. Sing the last verse in particular with conviction and vigor. HE is worthy!

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Trinity Hymnal #53)

W e A c k n o W L e d g e O u r S i n

Reading from the Law

Taking the “name of the Lord” means identifying with Him as our Lord and the One whom we represent in the world. Anything which misrepresents Him is a form of taking His name in vain.

Exodus 20:7 ^{ESV}

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

All creatures have an obligation to acknowledge and obey God, but especially we who bear His name, Christians. The emphasis in this confession is on that obligation and the hope that the One who perfectly embodies that Name will save us.

O Most merciful Father, Who gives life to everything that breathes and Whose eyes are too pure to gaze upon iniquity, we lay before You our sin and uncleanness in utter shame and humiliation. In direct defiance of our continuing debt to live unto You, acknowledge You, serve You and obey You, we have turned into ourselves and to our own way, pursuing our own ends as if we could create our own meaning, so rendering ourselves liable to Your just wrath and the penalty of death. We despise our ways, but confess that we are utterly powerless to change them or to please You truly to any degree. But we remember that You have declared Yourself to be the gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. We thus cast ourselves upon Your mercy, believing Your precious promise that those who come to You, You will in no wise cast out. We know and trust that, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, You will not only forgive both our sins and our sin, but also grant us power like unto that by which You raised Him from the dead to walk in newness of life, not for the sake of any merit which we obtain thereby, but solely for the glory of the Name which is above every name, in which we offer this our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Those whose faith is in the name of Jesus are promised that they have the right to become children of God!

John 1:12, 13 ^{ESV}

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Hymn of Assurance

As the refrain of this hymn proclaims, "Eternity's too short to utter all [God's] praise." Therefore, as we shall see in today's sermon, our life must overflow with praise as we live in the light of his abundant mercy to us.

"When All Thy Mercies"

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise
Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From Whom those comforts flowed.

*CH: Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise
For oh, eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise!*

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
With health renewed my face
And when in sins and sorrow sunk
Renewed my soul with grace
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;

Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.

3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

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We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

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

We heAr inStruction from the Lord

Sermon

“The New People’s Life, Part II-B: Nuts, Bolts, and Perspectives”

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:25-5:21 ESV

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer

steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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 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.

"Fairest Lord Jesus, "

- I. Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou art my glory, joy and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of Spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

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“For The Beauty Of The Earth”

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

*CH: Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.
3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild
4. For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love
5. For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To our race so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.

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Offering Meditation

God's abundant provision for our needs must overflow in the thankful generosity of His people, who give as an expression of their thanksgiving. Let it be so today for you as you worship Him with tithes and offerings.

II Corinthians 9:10-12 ESV

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

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 close our worship where we began, with unrestrained and vigorous praise of the God who is worthy of all our adoration and devotion.

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” (Trinity Hymnal #4)

Presentation of Mercy Ministry Offerings

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)

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

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SERMON NOTES

February 7, 2016

“The New People’s Life, Part II-B: Nuts, Bolts, and Perspectives”
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:25-5:21

Introduction:

What complementary perspectives describe the life of God’s new people?

I. The new life in Christ is a *manifestation of identity*, 5:1-6.

A. A responsibility.

B. A warning.

II. The new life in Christ is a *revelation of productivity*, 5:7-17.

A. The ministry of light.

B. The need for wisdom.

III. The new life in Christ is an *intoxication with Deity*, 5:18-21.

A. The *values* of God.

B. The *worship* of God.

C. The *authority* of God.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: