



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, May 2, 2021

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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— ORDER OF WORSHIP —
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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

Prelude

Call to Worship

These verses set forth the truths that worship is (in part) a response to salvation and involves exulting in the glory of God.

Psalm 149:1–5 ESV

- 1 Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- 2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- 3 Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.
- 5 Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We begin our worship today by calling all creation to praise the Creator and Sustainer of life in thankful adoration.

"Let All Things Now Living"

(Trinity Hymnal #125)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Pagan worship contains "abominable" elements because it is inspired by selfishness and incited by Satan, who hates mankind as the image of God.

Deuteronomy 12:29–32 ESV

"When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,³⁰ take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?that I also may do the same.'³¹ You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

³² "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess here both sins of omission and commission in reference to God's laws, and pray that we might by His grace live lives which glorify Him, which is what God's law is all about.

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God has done what the Law by itself could not do, so that we might be conformed to the Law. The Law thus drives us to Christ, who then drives us back to the Law. Contrary to much theological opinion, Law is integral to the Gospel.

Romans 8:1–4 ^{ESV}

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Christ has "hushed the Law's loud thunder," so our response embodies the essence of the Law: to worship and "praise the Savior's Name."

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

(Trinity Hymnal #172)

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 in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the

congregation should respond with the words, "**We offer these our prayers,**" followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"The Book of the Covenant I: Overview of the Law"

* Exodus 20

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 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.

"Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"

(Trinity Hymnal #149)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

This prophecy is fulfilled in our presence as we worship God now with His tithes and our offerings.

Ezekiel 20:40, 41 ESV

"For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred offerings. ⁴¹ As a pleasing aroma I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered. And I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642, v. 4)

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 from worship today with a prayer that expresses the essence of worship: a complete submission to the will of God as expressed in His Law.

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #688)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

May 2, 2021

"The Book of the Covenant I: Overview of the Law"

Exodus 20

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

How should we understand the Ten Commandments?

I. We must understand the *covenantal motivation* behind the Decalogue, vv. 1, 2, 18-21.

A. Their redemptive premise.

B. Their transcendent basis.

II. We must understand the *cohesive values* of the Decalogue, vv. 3-17.

A. Basic coherence.

B. Fundamental values.

III. We must understand the *theocentric focus* of the Decalogue, vv. 18-26.

A. Worship constitutes the essence of law.

B. Law dictates the character of worship.

1. Worship is directed exclusively to God.

2. Worship is offered completely through God.

3. Worship is practiced reverently toward God.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: