



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 9, 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

This psalm, which testifies eloquently of the experience of resurrection, exhorts us to worship and praise the Lord at its conclusion for His kindness and faithfulness to those who were dead.

Psalm 116 ^{ESV}

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We call each other to “praise the Lord (alleluia!)” again and again as we rehearse the glorious meaning of His Resurrection from the dead.

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

(Trinity Hymnal #277)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

It is the context of the book, and not simply these words, that impose upon all of us an obligation of the Law: that we trust God's promises always, no matter how unlikely their fulfillment might seem to us in the midst of our trials.

Job 19:23–27b ^{ESV}

- ²³ "Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession mentions both the death that we deserve and the life which God imparts to His own through faith in Christ, the Risen One.

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.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The One in whom is life (John 1:4) promises eternal life to all who trust in Him.

John 11:25–26 ^{ESV}

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We worship the Savior whose triumphant resurrection sealed our salvation and life from death.

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

(Trinity Hymnal #286)

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, and 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)

"Easter and the Kingdom"

*I Corinthians 15:20–28

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.

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

(Trinity Hymnal #266)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

An important part of the proper response to God's gracious gift of life, as illustrated by the psalmist, is the presentation of offerings to Him in the context of public worship with His people.

Psalm 116:12–14 ESV

- ¹² What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

"What Shall I Render to My God"

(Trinity Hymnal #637, vv 1,4,6)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship today looking forward to the consummation of the Day of Resurrection, a day that has already begun, first in Christ, and now in us.

"The Day of Resurrection!"

(Trinity Hymnal #267)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

April 9, 2023

"Easter and the Kingdom"

(Mike Biggs)

I Corinthians 15:20–28

Introduction:

What does resurrection have to do with the Kingdom of God?

I. Resurrection makes the Kingdom of God *possible*, vv. 20–23.

A. The Kingdom lost through the death of Adam.

B. The Kingdom restored through the life of Christ.

II. Resurrection makes the Kingdom of God *legal*, vv. 24–27.

A. The legal issue.

B. The legal confirmation.

III. Resurrection makes the Kingdom of God *final*, vv. 26–28.

A. The rule of God.

B. Rule through man.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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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