



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, June 10, 2018

"...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.

** Indicates congregational standing*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Our call to worship today alternates between exhortation to praise God because of His sovereignty and the response of God's people in craving the blessings His sovereign, providential blessings provide.

Psalms 47, 63 ^{ESV}

Leader:

- ¹ Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Congregation:

- ¹ *O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*
² *So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.*
³ *Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.*
⁴ *So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.*

Leader:

- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Congregation:

- ⁵ *My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
⁶ when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.*
⁸ *My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.*

Leader:

- ⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who rules over all in such a way that everything in our lives works together for our good, even pain.

“O Father, You Are Sovereign” (Trinity Hymnal #75)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

In a frequently read passage from the Law, we hear again one of our fundamental obligations, and the wisdom and blessing of heeding it: that we live all of life with His presence in the foreground, and trust Him and His Word as our guide to truth rather than our own limited understanding.

* Proverbs 3:5, 6 ^{ESV}

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our need in the totality of the diverse situations of our experience, and invoke God's grace and mercy in them.

“By Thy Mercy”

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:
2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

*CH: By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.
4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace. *(Chorus)*
5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.
6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay. *(Chorus)*

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God can use even our faltering faith, mixed with unbelief, to save and bless us.

Mark 9:20-27 ^{ESV}

²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

Hymn of Assurance

In response to the gospel of God's grace in Jesus, we speak to our souls, exhorting them to peace in the One who controls all things with perfect wisdom and love.

* "Be Still My Soul" (Trinity Hymnal #689)

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 Only Worldview That Gives Peace” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 ESV

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. ⁹ What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the

business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.
11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put
eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God
has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I perceived that there is
nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as
they live; 13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure
in all his toil—this is God's gift to man. 14 I perceived that whatever
God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything
taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. 15
That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been;
and God seeks what has been driven away. 16 Moreover, I saw under
the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and
in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. 17 I said in
my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a
time for every matter and for every work. 18 I said in my heart with
regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may
see that they themselves are but beasts. 19 For what happens to the
children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one
dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has
no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. 20 All go to one place.
All are from the dust, and to dust all return. 21 Who knows whether
the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down
into the earth? 22 So I saw that there is nothing better than that a
man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him
to see what will be after him?

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

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.

“Give Thanks Unto the Lord, Jehovah” (Trinity Hymnal #613)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

It is confidence in the eternity and power of God, displayed for Paul in this passage by the Resurrection of Jesus, that enables us to give of ourselves and our treasure to further the Kingdom of God, knowing that this is never in vain.

I Corinthians 15:58 ESV

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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

With confidence in the providential care and ultimate justice of God, we use the words of a freed slave to express our hope in God's wise and good working out of all things for his glory and our good.

* "Beams of Heaven"

1. Beams of heaven as I go,
Through the wilderness below,
Guide my feet in peaceful ways,
Turn my midnights into days.
When in the darkness I would grope,
Faith always sees a star of hope,
And soon from all life's grief and danger
I shall be free someday.
I shall be free someday.
2. Often times my sky is clear,
Joy abounds without a tear;
Though a day so bright begun,
Clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.
There'll be a day that's always bright,
A day that never yields to night,
And in its light the streets of glory
I shall behold someday.
I shall behold someday.
3. Harder yet may be the fight;
Right may often yield to might;
Wickedness a while may reign;
Satan's cause may seem to gain.
But there's a God that rules above
With hand of power and heart of love;
And if I'm right, he'll fight my battle,
I shall have peace someday.
I shall have peace someday.
4. Burdens now may crush me down,
Disappointments all around;
Troubles speak in mournful sigh,
Sorrow through a tear-stained eye.
There is a world where pleasure reigns,
No mourning soul shall roam its plains,
And to that land of peace and glory
I shall want to go someday.
I shall want to go someday.
I shall want to go someday.

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* 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

How can you be a part of all this?

SERMON NOTES

June 10, 2018

“The Only Worldview That Gives Peace” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

Introduction:

What must we understand in order to cope with life in the world?

- I. The providence of God is an unavoidable reality.
 - A. It is total.

- B. It is purposeful.

- II. The providence of God puts man in an ambivalent situation.
 - A. Time.

- B. Eternity.

III. The providence of God requires faith.
A. Faith produces fear.

B. Faith enables joy.

C. Faith undergirds peace.

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: