



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, July 7, 2019

“...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.

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

This psalm exhorts us to “say” that the Lord is good and that His love endures forever. The rest of it is a rehearsal of specific examples of various experiences of God’s people bearing this out, thus demonstrating that what we say about God, our testimony, must be based on our experience as God’s people.

Psalm 107 ESV

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- 5 hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.
- 8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 9 For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
prisoners in affliction and in irons,
- 11 for they had rebelled against the words of God,
and spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;
they fell down, with none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and burst their bonds apart.

15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
16 For he shatters the doors of bronze
and cuts in two the bars of iron.
17 Some were fools through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;
18 they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.
19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
20 He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.
21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!
23 Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;
24 they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.
25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;
27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.
28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
29 He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
34 a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the evil of its inhabitants.

35 He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.
36 And there he lets the hungry dwell,
and they establish a city to live in;
37 they sow fields and plant vineyards
and get a fruitful yield.
38 By his blessing they multiply greatly,
and he does not let their livestock diminish.
39 When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, evil, and sorrow,
40 he pours contempt on princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;
41 but he raises up the needy out of affliction
and makes their families like flocks.
42 The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In this hymn we urge our souls and each other to praise the God whose goodness, favor and love we have experienced in so many ways.

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (Trinity Hymnal #76)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

We might rightly note that this verse and the passage which contains it have primary reference to Christ. But we should also note that the book of Acts make it clear that this verse was intended also to refer to Israel as God's people and servant (Acts 13:47), and to the Church now as included among that people. This should come as no surprise, since God's people are united to Christ, identified with Him, and are His body, executing deeds of mercy on His behalf to all nations, especially through His Great Commission.

Isaiah 42:6 ESV

"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess together the sin that hamstringing our consistent and powerful witness.

Corporate Confession: Almighty and merciful God, Who loved the world and gave your only begotten Son to purchase a bride for Him, extending mercy to people from every tongue, language, and nation, and Who has committed to us the message of reconciliation, we confess our cowardice, slothfulness, and lack of love in failing to fulfill your commission to us with wholehearted zeal and resolve. When we should have spoken in testimony of your work, we have been silent. When we should have trusted in your protection, we have been fearful. When we should have been moved by the brokenness, misery, and need all around us, we have been callous and indifferent to the effects of sin on those we know. We humbly ask your forgiveness for the sake of Christ, and beseech your power and grace to make us henceforth your bold witnesses, testifying to both your justice and your love, so that the earth might be filled with the knowledge of you, and that your kingdom might come in all of its fullness and blessing, for Christ's sake, and because we pray in His name. Amen.

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Jesus is the Faithful Witness, through whom all our sins, even our failure to bear witness to Him properly, are forgiven by His blood.

Revelation 1:4b-6 ^{ESV}

4... Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Our confidence before God is rooted in the testimony of Jesus Christ to the Father concerning us for whom He died.

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” (Trinity Hymnal #468)

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

“The Great Commission Exemplified” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 26:16-18 ESV

¹⁶ But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, ¹⁷ delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

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.

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” (Trinity Hymnal #469)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The twenty-four elders, representing the Church, cast their crowns, which they have received from God, before the throne, acknowledging that whatever they have they have received from the Creator. Our offerings do the same, among other things.

Revelation 4:8-11 ESV

⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” ⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

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

Since we the Church are Zion, in our final hymn we exhort ourselves faithfully to fulfill the commission God has given us to bring life to the world.

* "O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling" (Trinity Hymnal #444)

Benediction