

CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 7, 2022

"...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 celebrates the power and provision of God with respect to His creatures, centering on His gift of life through His Spirit (vs 29&30).

Psalm 104 ESV

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

² covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

²⁷ These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,

³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;** [Congregation]
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴ **May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the power of God, made available to us His people through His Holy Spirit, a fact which we celebrate in verse 4.

"Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty" (Trinity Hymnal #45)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Moriah Grace White

(Mike Biggs)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The symbolism in this prophecy predicts the building of the true Temple, the Church of God, and the success of its mission to build the Kingdom of God. In the middle of this passage a law that God has established concerning this work: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit. . .". The accomplishment of God's goals concerning His Kingdom and His people must be accomplished not in the flesh but in the power of the Spirit of God.

Zechariah 4 ^{ESV}

And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. ² And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³ And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." ⁴ And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." ⁶ Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. ⁷ Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹ "The

hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. ¹⁰ For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

"These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth." ¹¹ Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" ¹² And a second time I answered and said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?" ¹³ He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." ¹⁴ Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

Silent Confession of Sin Corporate Confession of Sin

The request of the psalmist near the end of this prayer for mercy is interesting: that God's Spirit might lead him "on level ground," (which prayer we share as we read) in light of the passage from Zechariah that we read earlier (look again at Zechariah 4:7).

Responsive reading, Psalm 143

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 837, 838)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The promise of the indwelling Spirit to empower God's people unto the "obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5; 16:26).

Ezekiel 37:11–14 ^{ESV}

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and

I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Jeremiah 31:31–34 ^{ESV}

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

In this hymn, as in Scripture, Zion is a symbol of God's people, the fulfilled Temple, in whom God dwells by His Spirit. In accord with the theme of today's service, verse two speaks of God's Spirit, the fulfillment of the promise of Ezekiel 37 read earlier, made clear by John 5:24-29 and 7:37-39 (compare John 6:63).

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

(Trinity Hymnal #345)

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 will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"Flesh versus Spirit" Part 6

* Galatians 3:1-5

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.

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

(Trinity Hymnal #705)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God gives to His people the ability and willingness to give by His Spirit, as He does all of the other graces of the genuine Christian life.

2 Corinthians 9:8 ^{ESV}

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

"All for Jesus!"

(Trinity Hymnal #565)

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

As we depart into the world today, we pray for the empowering and transforming work of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live for Him in the fullness of what that means.

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

(Trinity Hymnal #334)

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...

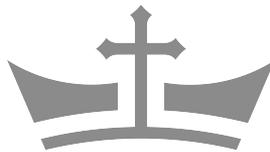
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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