



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 11, 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, as part of its call of us to worship, mentions several themes that are prominent in our current biblical-theological study, among which are trust in God rather than man, death, the “earthliness” of man, and God’s favor to the humble.

Psalm 146 ESV

- 1 Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- 2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- 4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.
- 5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- 6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
- 7 who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- 8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
- 9 The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Here we praise God for His mercies to us that come in so many forms.

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

(Trinity Hymnal #33)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

It is interesting that taking care to keep God's commandments is essential for avoiding the trap and the delusion of self-reliance and self-sufficiency against which this passage is warning.

Deuteronomy 8:11–18 ^{ESV}

"Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In praying for humility, we acknowledge our “busy pride,” which is offensive to our Lord and Savior.

Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom
spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God saved us when we were “weak,” dead in our sins and His enemies.
In our weakness He is strong.*

Romans 5:6–8 ESV

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Jesus became weak, taking upon Himself sinful flesh, so as to be exalted and to give us exaltation and full salvation. We praise Him now in celebration of His victory on our behalf.

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious"

(Trinity Hymnal #299)

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 XI

* 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.

"Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine"

(Trinity Hymnal #333)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Willing giving delights not only us, but the King as well.

I Chronicles 29:9 ^{ESV}

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

"My Heart Does Overflow" vs 1&4

(Trinity Hymnal #432)

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 sing as we leave today of the wonderful ministry of Christ, the One anointed with the Holy Spirit without measure to be the ultimate Prophet, Priest, and King to His people, exulting in His victory over sin and death.

"Join All the Glorious Names"

(Trinity Hymnal #301)

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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