

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 21, 2024

"...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

It is personal union and communion with God that is the true font of all His blessings, and the greatest one of all.

Psalms 89, 90, and 91 ^{ESV}

Leader:

Blessed be the LORD forever! Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Congregation:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

All:

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

We remember and rejoice in the grace and help of the God who is ever present with his people, as He has promised.

"Our God, our Help in Ages Past"

(Trinity Hymnal #30)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

*** Reading from the Law**

It is the responsibility of all who would know the Lord to avail ourselves of every opportunity (nearness) of the Lord, and seek Him diligently, calling upon His name.

Isaiah 55:6 ^{ESV}

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In today's confession we apply immediately the command we saw in our reading from the Law, seeking Him, His forgiveness, and His mercy, as we cry to Him, calling on His name (cf. Exodus 34:5, 6).

Responsive reading, Psalm 143

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The promise in the second half of this familiar passage is tied to the command in the first half, and is the basis of our hope for salvation.

Isaiah 55:7 ^{ESV}

let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice and revel in the unceasing love of Jesus our Lord.

"I Am So Glad That Our Father in Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #191)

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)

"The Jesus You Can Know (XXVIX)— 'The Dynamics of Union with Christ'"

* John 15

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 Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

(Trinity Hymnal #168)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is the love of Christ (in both directions) that motivates a truly cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

"To You, O Lord, I Fly"

(Trinity Hymnal #692)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our service today, and our current sermon series on "The Jesus You Can Know," with a shout of love to each other for our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

(Trinity Hymnal #167)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

April 21, 2024

"The Jesus You Can Know (XXVIX)— 'The Dynamics of Union with Christ'" (Mike Biggs)

John 15

Introduction:

"What must we understand to apply our union with Christ?"

I. We must understand the two distinct senses of union with Christ.

A. Formal union.

B. Spiritual union.

II. We must understand the two distinct purposes of union with Christ.

A. Fruit.

B. Intimacy.

III. We must understand the two complementary means to union with Christ.

A. The communion of saints.

B. The obedience of faith.

— 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...

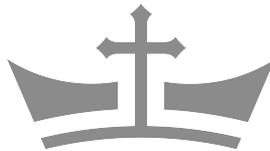
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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