

CHRIST -THE KING-

The Lord's Day, June 28, 2020

"...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 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

Prelude

Call toWorship

We return to these verses as a call to worship today, not only because they rehearse the diversity of those whom God has called to Himself, but because they declare the steadfastness of His love, which we proclaimed last week repeatedly from Psalm 136.

Psalm 107:1-3 ESV

- 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.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God today for the fact that His Word is sure, and for that reason our faith in Him is an anchor for our souls.

"Forever Settled in the Heavens"

(Trinity Hymnal #59)

* Reading from the Law

The prophet like Moses whom God has raised up is Jesus, and we are to listen to and believe Him rather than any of the competing voices which we are prone to follow today.

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 ESV

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' ²¹ And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'- ²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

Silent Confession of Sin

In this confession we declare the focus of our hope: our Mediator, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death. We are unclean before You and children of wrath. We continually transgress Your commandments; failing to do what You have commanded us, and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We confess to our humiliation and to the praise of Your mercy that our transgressions are innumerable, and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay. We are not worthy to be called Your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to You in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that You do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to You and live; we know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite; and so we take courage to call upon You from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Have compassion upon us in our infirmities. Wash us in the pure fountain of His blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Cover us with His innocence and righteousness, for the glory of Your Name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Jesus is the greatest and final revelation of God and His will. He not only provided purification for sins, but ascended to the throne of God, thus restoring as the representative of a new humanity their right to rule God's creation for Him as His image-bearers.

Hebrews I:I-4 ESV

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Leader: This is the gospel. Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The gospel we celebrate is all about Christ, in whom alone is our trust and hope.

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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 Foundations of Endurance" Part 2 * | Peter |:3-|2 (Rev. Mike Biggs)

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.

"Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #67)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The fulfillment of all things in Jesus is the hope which enables us not to cling to what we have now, and give generously to support His kingdom and its edification.

Matthew 19:27-29 ESV

²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" ²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

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 close our worship today by proclaiming our intention to put unbelief to death and to trust the One who is utterly trustworthy, thus honoring Him and receiving His smile, which is worth any suffering and trial it might require.

* "Begone Unbelief"

- Begone unbelief, My Savior is near, And for my relief Will surely appear: By faith let me wrestle, with God in the storm And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn
- Though dark be my way, Since he is my guide, 'Tis mine to obey, and His to provide; Though cisterns be broken, And creatures all fail, The word he has spoken will surely prevail. The word he has spoken will surely prevail.Chorus

(Trinity Hymnal #432)

(See Communion)

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

CHORUS:

Begone unbelief, The Savior is here (3x) Though cisterns be broken And creatures all fail The word he has spoken will surely prevail The word he has spoken will surely prevail

- 3. Why should I complain, Of want or distress Temptation or pain? He told me no less The heirs of salvation, I know from his word Through much tribulation Must follow their Lord Through much tribulation Must follow their Lord (Chorus)
- 4. Since all that I meet will work for my good, The bitter is sweet, The medicine food; Though painful at present, will cease before long, And then, O! how glorious, The conqueror's song! And then, O! how glorious, The conqueror's song! (Chorus)

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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)

CoreValues (our fundamental commitments):

- *I. Knowing* truth from God (Scripture)
- 2. Being right with God (Justification)
- 3. Living life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

- *I. 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?



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