

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 31, 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

With the hosts of heaven, we begin our worship of "the Living One," who bestows life to us His people.

Revelation 1, 5 [in the following exchange] *ESV*

Leader: Leader: [Revelation 1:9-18]

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Congregation: [Revelation 5:9b-10]

**"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for
God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."**

All: [Revelation 5:13b]

**"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Sing joyously! Sing loudly! For Christ is Risen indeed!

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

(Trinity Hymnal #277)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Touching a dead body ritually defiled a person, so that he was cut off from the assembly of God's people, because nothing associated with death can enter God's presence. It was a ritual state of death, requiring cleansing with water, which symbolically amounted to a ritual resurrection. The only deliverance from both physical and spiritual death for anyone is the faith that accesses the cleansing work of the Holy Spirit in uniting us to Christ in His resurrection. To obey this Old Testament law is to avail ourselves of this cleansing, not only at conversion, but also continually.

Numbers 19:11–22 ESV

"Whoever touches the dead body of any person shall be unclean seven days. ¹² He shall cleanse himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day, and so be clean. But if he does not cleanse himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not become clean. ¹³ Whoever touches a dead person, the body of anyone who has died, and does not cleanse himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from Israel; because the water for impurity was not thrown on him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is still on him.

¹⁴ "This is the law when someone dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁵ And every open vessel that has no cover fastened on it is unclean. ¹⁶ Whoever in the open field touches someone who was killed with a sword or who died naturally, or touches a human bone or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁷ For the unclean they shall take some ashes of the burnt sin offering, and fresh water shall be added in a vessel. ¹⁸ Then a clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water and sprinkle it on the tent and on all the furnishings and on the persons who were there and on whoever touched the bone, or the slain or the dead or the grave. ¹⁹ And the clean person shall sprinkle it on the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day. Thus on the seventh day he shall

cleanse him, and he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and at evening he shall be clean.

²⁰ "If the man who is unclean does not cleanse himself, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, since he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. Because the water for impurity has not been thrown on him, he is unclean. ²¹ And it shall be a statute forever for them. The one who sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and the one who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening. ²² And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean, and anyone who touches it shall be unclean until evening."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Today's confession is a testimony of past sins and God's deliverance, with the tacit acknowledgement of present sins, from which we are delivered through faith in the same work of resurrection.

Responsive reading, Psalm 116

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 827–828)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We who trust in Jesus Christ and His work participate in the "cleansing" of His Resurrection, so that we share in His life, both now and forever.

John 5:24^{ESV}

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

1 John 1:8, 9^{ESV}

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice in the triumph of our King over death and hell.

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

(Trinity Hymnal #286)

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 (XXVI)— 'The Resurrection Account'"

* John 20

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.*

"This Joyful Eastertide"

(Trinity Hymnal #284)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

*We remember the words of the psalmist which we have already spoken in our
hearts as we, along with him, respond to the life-imparting grace of our loving
Lord.*

Psalm 116:12–14 ESV

¹² What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

"Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem"

(Trinity Hymnal #271)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*We conclude our service today celebrating the greatest news ever proclaimed:
"Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that hath no end.*

"The Day of Resurrection!"

(Trinity Hymnal #267)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Jesus You Can Know (XXVI)— 'The Resurrection Account'"

(Mike Biggs)

John 20

Introduction:

What does John's account of the Resurrection teach us?

I. John's account shows the absolute credibility of the testimony about Jesus.

A. Unadorned simplicity.

B. Unexplained anomaly.

II. John's account shows the endearing beauty of the character of Jesus.

A. His thoughtful care.

B. His tender compassion.

C. His gracious accommodation.

III. John's account shows the wondrous prospects of a resurrection body.

A. Its genuine materiality.

B. Its heightened capacities.

— 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...

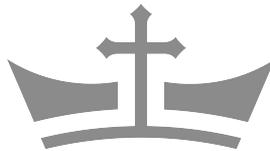
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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