



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, October 22, 2017

"...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 gray 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 to Worship

Notice how in today's call to worship the psalmist brings together the mighty deeds of the Lord, which no one can fully fathom (bringing to mind His providential working in everything that comes to pass), and the righteous works of His people, which, as we shall see today, are used by God to accomplish His purposes in often unexpected ways. These two together speak of God's goodness and steadfast love to His creation.

Psalm 106:1-3 ESV

Leader:

¹ Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation:

² Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,
or declare all his praise?

³ Blessed are they who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God today for His remarkable providence, in which He works all things for the good of His people and the establishment of His kingdom.

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way” (Trinity Hymnal #128)

* Reading from the Law

A supreme motivation for obedience to God's commands, as we see in this passage, is to realize that all our circumstances, which often tempt us to disobey God, are actually tools which He is using to do us good, including disciplining us to trust Him. The obligation implied here, then, is to trust in the providential working of God, no matter what our situation.

Deuteronomy 8: 1-6 ^{ESV}

¹ "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

One aspect of waiting on the Lord is the patience to endure present circumstances until the goodness of God's intent in allowing those circumstances reveals itself.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 130; Trinity Hymnal p. 833

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In this magnificent passage, we are reminded that God's favor to us who believe in Him began before the foundation of the world, that nothing can change it, and that everything we experience is the expression of His love for us, as unfathomable as that seems.

Romans 8:28-39 ESV

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* Hymn of Assurance

When we realize the depth and breadth of the mercies of God to us, their profound wisdom, and the multitude of forms that they take, we are moved in the same way that the hymnwriter is moved. His words provide to us a fitting thanksgiving for the grace of the gospel.

“When All Thy Mercies”

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise
Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From Whom those comforts flowed.

*CH: Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise
For oh, eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise!*

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
With health renewed my face
And when in sins and sorrow sunk
Renewed my soul with grace
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.
3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

We PrAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

We heAr inStruction from the Lord

Sermon

“The Intersection of Faithfulness and Providence” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 9:32-43 ESV

³² Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. ³⁵ And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. ³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

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.

"I Take This Bread"

- I. I take this bread, ordained by Christ
Who met the dreadful Law's demands
And as it were, my finger place
Into His nail-scarred hands

2. I take this cup, poured out for us
Because our Substitute has died
And as it were, my own hand place
Into His opened side
3. For from this Second Adam's side
Because He slumbered in the grave
Were we made one with Him to be
His bride He bled to save
4. I pray now, 'Help my unbelief'
And seek His presence here to feel
As bread and wine my interest in
The cross do show and seal
5. For though with pow'r of carnal eye
I cannot Christ ascended see
He at His table lifts me up
By coming down to me

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"My Maker and My King"

1. My Maker and my King,
To Thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow.
2. The creature of Thy hand
On Thee alone I live;
My God, Thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give.
My God, Thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give.
3. Lord, what can I impart
When all is Thine before?
Thy love demands a thankful heart;
The gift, alas! how poor.
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4. O! Let Thy grace inspire
My soul with strength divine;
Let every word and each desire
And all my days be Thine.
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And all my days be Thine.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

We who have been blessed so greatly in this country must remember that part of God's purpose in His providential goodness to us is that we be enabled to give to meet the spiritual and physical needs of others.

II Corinthians 9:8-11 ESV

⁸And 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. ⁹As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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 close our worship today with a declaration of our intent to follow the faith of the ages, of our fathers, because it is through our faithfulness that we preach the gospel to the world and win the nations to God and His kingdom.

* "Faith of Our Fathers!" (Trinity Hymnal #570)

Presentation of Special Cuba Offering

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)

Core Values (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

How can you be a part of all this?

SERMON NOTES

October 22, 2017

“The Intersection of Faithfulness and Providence”(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 9:32-43

Introduction:

How does God use the faithfulness of His people to build His kingdom?

- I. God uses *the faithful mercy of the Church* to build His kingdom, vv. 32-35.
 - A. The faithfulness of Peter.

- B. The effects of Peter's faithfulness.

II. God uses the *faithful godliness of Christians* to build His kingdom,
vv. 36-38.

A. The faithfulness of Dorcas.

B. The effects of Dorcas's faithfulness.

- III. God uses *the faithful love of His community* to build His kingdom, vv. 38-43.
 - A. The love of the saints for Dorcas.

- B. The hospitality of Simon toward Peter.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: