



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, October 30, 2016

"...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 that the congregation stands during this element of worship.*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

In light of our series on Samson from the book of Judges, pay particular attention to verses 4, 5, and 10 from this psalm as you allow it to inspire your praise and worship this morning.

Psalm 19 ^{ESV}

Leader: Praise the Lord!

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
- ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

Congregation:

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

*We praise our Redeemer Jesus once again as we sing to the tune
of "O Worship the King."*

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" (Trinity Hymnal #165)

W e A c k n o w L e d g e O u r S i n

* Reading from the Law

Fortune-telling and divination seem like harmless practices to us, especially when we relate them to the all-too-common newspaper horoscopes and "psychic network" fads of today, but they represent a culture, a way of viewing and living life, that is offensive to God and in which God's people must not participate. We must, guided by God's Word, be willing to separate ourselves from ways of life that are out of accord with the understanding of life and reality He has revealed to us, including dependence upon Him for our understanding of truth.

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 ^{ESV}

⁹ "When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer ¹¹ or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, ¹² for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. ¹³ You shall be blameless before the LORD your God, ¹⁴ for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do this.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this hymn we ask for deliverance not only from the guilt of our sin, but from its power over us and its temptation of us, so prevalent in the midst of a sinful world.

“By Thy Mercy”

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:
2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,
- CH: By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*
3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.
4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace. *(Chorus)*
5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.
6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay. *(Chorus)*

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Jesus has overcome the world, thus in Him we have and can as well. In Him is power to resist the allure of the world's culture and live the life that is truly life, one of obedience to God's law, the perfect law of liberty that frees us to receive the blessings that come from the obedience of faith. This is the gospel.

John 16:33; 1 John 5:1-5 ESV

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

* Hymn of Assurance

Christ has done a mighty work to redeem us and reconcile God's love and justice. This is cause for rejoicing indeed!

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

I. Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

*CH: Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God*

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God (*Chorus*)

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 Ministry of Christ to His People” Part II (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Judges 14 ESV

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.

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains,
But what is the source of my aid?

2 My help can be found only with the LORD;
Both heaven and earth he has made.

3 He never allows for your foot to slip;
Your keeper does not go to sleep.

4 See now that the keeper of Israel,
He never will slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is your keeper; on your right hand
The LORD as your shade covers you.

6 The sun will not strike you throughout the day,
And neither at night will the moon.

7 From all that is evil the LORD keeps you;
Your life he will surely keep safe.

8 Both your going out and your coming in
The LORD will keep now and always.

The Psalter Project. Words & Music: Esther Ellis

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds” (Trinity Hymnal #359) vv. 1,3

Offering Meditation

It is important to realize that what is recorded here was not socialism or the forfeiture of private property, since it was both voluntary and occasional. Nevertheless, we should take note that being a disciple of Jesus should motivate us to be willing to give all that we have to Him and to His people, the Church.

Acts 4:32-37 ESV

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

As we conclude our worship today, we pray, essentially, that God will make us all Nazirites in principle, consecrated in all of life and set apart for effective servants of God in the battle we face against the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

*“Take my Life and Let It Be” (Trinity Hymnal #585)

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 30, 2016

“The Ministry of Christ to His People” Part II (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Judges 14

Introduction:

How does the activity of Samson shed light on Christ's ministry to His people?

I. Christ commissions His people to *preach the gospel* to the nations, vv. 1-14.

A. A wedding.

B. A riddle.

II. Christ *instructs* His people to *reject the culture* of the nations, vv. 15-18.

A. The oppression of Egypt.

B. The strength of a Nazirite.

C. The faithlessness of Egypt.

III. Christ *avenges* His people to *vindicate their honor* before the nations,
vv. 19, 20.

A. God's judgment.

B. Samson's victory.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: