



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, February 2, 2020

"...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.

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*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Once again we use this psalm to call us to worship the King who reigns over all He has made, whose reign is cause for joy because He knows what He is doing and all that He does is righteous and just.

Psalm 97 ^{ESV}

- ¹ The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- ³ Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
- ⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

*Once again we extol the kingship of God and express our joy that
He alone rules over earth and heaven.*

"God, the Lord, a King Remaineth"

(Trinity Hymnal #64)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Those who love the Lord are commanded here to hate evil, these two being opposite sides of the same coin. This is in contrast to what we often see in ourselves: the attempt to resist evil while still perceiving it as something desirable and alluring. Love for God demands that we see sin for what it is: ugly and disgusting. This is not only wise, but also a responsibility.

Psalm 97:10 ^{ESV}

○ you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession and appeal for grace expresses much of what we see in the themes of our service today: the propriety of hatred of evil, appeal for wisdom to reject the seductive appeal of sin, and confidence in God's power made available to those who love Him in overcoming their and His enemies.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 141 (Trinity Hymnal pp. 836-837)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

One of the most remarkable things about the gospel is the fact that, although God hates evil and sin and commands us to do the same, he nevertheless loves sinners and justifies the wicked on the basis, not of their works, but of His.

Romans 4:4 ^{ESV}

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

In this hymn, particularly in verses 3 and 4, we express our confidence in God's forgiveness of those who trust and come to Him, in the context of His perfect and uncompromising justice.

"O Lord, Most High, with All My Heart" (Trinity Hymnal #48)

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. 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 Darkness of Rebellion"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Exodus 10

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.

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"

(Trinity Hymnal #498)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our response to God's undeserved goodness toward us is, in part, to present gifts to Him in the context of public worship.

Psalm 116:17-19 ^{ESV}

¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

"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.

CHORUS:

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.

(Repeat chorus)

3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.
(Repeat chorus)

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

This hymn is a fitting conclusion to our service today, as it presents an opportunity to express the opposite of the spirit of rebellion against God's sovereignty which is the essence of sin and of man's depravity, and to proclaim our desire to recognize and submit to the claim of God in Christ on everything in our lives, out of unreserved love for Him.

* **"All for Jesus!"**

(Trinity Hymnal #565)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

February 2, 2020

“The Darkness of Rebellion”
Exodus 10

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What principles do we learn about God's lordship from this chapter?

I. God's nature requires acknowledgement of His lordship, vv. 1, 2.

A. A fundamental propriety.

B. The fundamental issue.

II. God's integrity precludes the compromise of His lordship,
w. 3-11.

A. God's forbearance.

B. Pharaoh's recalcitrance.

III. God's judgment reveals the goodness of His lordship.

A. The irony of justice.

B. The heart of darkness.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: