

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, January 12, 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

We will again look to a psalm, Psalm 30, for a uniting thematic thread for our service today. Notice, if you read the entire psalm, the element of trials and the reward of faith in the ever-reliable God.

Psalm 30 ^{ESV}

Leader:

- ¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- ² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
- ³ O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to
the pit.
- ⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,

Congregation:

- ¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
- ¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for the faithfulness that inspires our faith, enables our hope, and empowers our witness.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #32)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

These verses are an exhortation to resist the unbelief with which we are prone to respond to circumstances that challenge our faith, which is what trials are.

Psalm 95:7c-11 ^{ESV}

Today, if you hear his voice,
8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
9 when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
10 For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways."
11 Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We here confess the fact that our trust in our own minds and perceived insight is greater than our trust in God's revealed Word.

Corporate Confession

Almighty Father, Who by your will and for your glory formed us and everything else in all creation, Who upholds all things by the power of your Word, and Who has graciously and lovingly preserved your people and provided for our needs, we confess our constant failure to trust You and rely upon your goodness. Instead of leaning wholly upon You, we have thought and acted upon the meager understanding afforded by our limited human perspectives. Rather than acknowledging You in all our ways, we have forgotten You and turned to our own way, the way that seems right unto a man, but leads to death. We have sinned against You constantly by presuming to own ourselves and our ways, in violation of your holy command to trust You with all of our hearts. With renewed faith we cast ourselves upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. In abject sorrow we confess our unbelief, and in heartfelt and sincere repentance ask You for the grace of faith, wrought by your Holy Spirit, which You have promised to give your people Israel. Write your law on our hearts, that we may adopt your heart and mind, and evermore walk in the light, as You are in the light, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Works are the evidence and expression of true faith (cf. the next chapter, James 2:14-26), and verse 11 presents a promise to all in whom this process comes to fruition in the expression of those works of faith.

James 1:2-4, 12 ^{ESV}

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We put to music the unforgettable words of God in Isaiah's prophecy, calling us to trust Him and His presence and provision in the direst of circumstances, because of His promise to be with us.

"Isaiah 43"

1. When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not
Overcome you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

CHORUS:

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior

I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

2. When you walk through the fire
You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not
Consume you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

(Repeat chorus)

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

"Utilizing our Resources"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* **Ephesians 6:16, 17** ^{ESV}

¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

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, the Lord, My Savior"

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.

2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.

CHORUS:

Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.

3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.

4. "Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,
"For He for me was slain;"
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

(Repeat chorus) (Repeat verse 1)

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

As we have seen many times before, It is our trust that God can and will provide for us that enables us to be generous in our giving to Him and His cause.

2 Corinthians 9:7, 8 ^{ESV}

⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And 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.

"All For Jesus!"

(Trinity Hymnal #565)

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

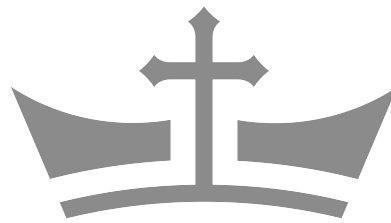
WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

There are those who have criticized this hymn on the assertion that it proclaims works salvation, but nothing could be further from the truth. What it proclaims is the truth of covenantal faithfulness: that God blesses us as we express our faith in Him in obedience to His Word. We proclaim this as our statement of faith as we depart today.

* **"Trust and Obey"**

(Trinity Hymnal page 672)

Benediction



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