



CHRIST - THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, February 20, 2022

"...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

This call to worship is based upon the history of God's redemption of His people from Egypt, and the rationale given here constitutes the foundation for our worship, and for our continued listening to His Word to us and heeding it, since His intention to bless us through obedience to that Word, and thus to "fill" our mouths with the truly good things of life, has not changed.

Psalm 81:1–10 ^{ESV}

- 1 Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- 2 Raise a song; sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our feast day.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel,
a rule of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He made it a decree in Joseph
when he went out over the land of Egypt.
I hear a language I had not known:
- 6 "I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed from the basket.
- 7 In distress you called, and I delivered you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah
- 8 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise by remembering His help to His people throughout the ages, and express our confidence that he will help us in the same way.

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(Trinity Hymnal #30)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We will again be considering the feasts of Old Testament Israel, today, particularly the three main feasts. But here we have another prescribed feast, the Feast of Trumpets, which also has spiritual significance for us. Briefly, this signifies the new world that is instigated through the trumpet call of the gospel as it goes out through the world through God's people. This reminds us of our mission and responsibility to reach the nations with the gospel, beginning with those among whom God has placed us.

Leviticus 23:23–25 ESV

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴ "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation. ²⁵ You shall not do any ordinary work, and you shall present a food offering to the LORD."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In addition to confessing our sin, especially related to our failure to treat God as truly God and the one who owns us and all we are and have, we pray for the full and complete application of God's redemption of us and the world, symbolized in the feasts of Israel, as we shall see.

O Most merciful Father, Who gives life to everything that breathes and Whose eyes are too pure to gaze upon iniquity, we lay before You our sin and uncleanness in utter shame and humiliation. In direct defiance of our continuing debt to live unto

You, acknowledge You, serve You and obey You, we have turned into ourselves and to our own way, pursuing our own ends as if we could create our own meaning, so rendering ourselves liable to Your just wrath and the penalty of death. We despise our ways, but confess that we are utterly powerless to change them or to please You truly to any degree. But we remember that You have declared Yourself to be the gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. We thus cast ourselves upon Your mercy, believing Your precious promise that those who come to You You will in no wise cast out. We know and trust that, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, You will not only forgive both our sins and our sin, but also grant us power like unto that by which You raised Him from the dead to walk in newness of life, not for the sake of any merit which we obtain thereby, but solely for the glory of the Name which is above every name, in which we offer this our prayer. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

This passage, in setting forth one expression of our gospel hope, speaks of several things relevant to the themes of our service today. Specifically, it references our place in this stage of God's plan of redemption, awaiting the Last Day and our full glorification and reception of spiritual (though real and physical) bodies, fit for eternity (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:35–49). It also speaks of our personal condition, struggle and growth as we await this final transformation. It testifies to the gift of the Holy Spirit, who in this stage of God's plan for us and for the world is a token and guarantee of our inheritance. Finally, it speaks of our responsibility to proclaim the gospel, summarized here as the proposition that "...one died for all that they who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

2 Corinthians 5:1–15 ^{ESV}

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We both celebrate the work of Christ for His people and exhort one another to proclaim this gospel in obedience to the Commission of our covenant Lord as we sing.

"Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow!"

(Trinity Hymnal #474)

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 will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"The Liturgy of Life" Part 2

* Exodus 23:10–19

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.

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

(Trinity Hymnal #420)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God's grace sanctifies us, as we have seen, including the provision of both resources and the disposition which enable us to give, which then demonstrates the grace of God and results in a testimony which draws others to Him.

2 Corinthians 9:8–11 ESV

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. ⁹ As it is written,

"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ He 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. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

(Trinity Hymnal #432)

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

As we have consecrated ourselves to God, we now seek His guidance as we commit ourselves to follow Him as we leave today. This hymn will be our Hymn of Commitment for the rest of this month.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

(Trinity Hymnal #598)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Liturgy of Life" Part 2

Exodus 23:10–19

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What must we understand from God's law about the nature of the Christian life?

I. The Christian life is defined by *rest in the Lord*, vv. 10–13.

A. Mercy.

B. Worship.

II. The Christian life is defined by *restoration through the Lord*,
vv. 14–16.

A. The symbolism of the Feasts.

B. The lessons of the Feasts.

III. The Christian life is defined by *consecration to the Lord*, vv. 17–19.

A. Token and reality.

B. Devotion and idolatry.

C. Life and death.

— 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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