



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 5, 2023

"...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

We are called to praise God in this psalm in part because of His affinity with the humble, as opposed to those who exalt themselves.

Psalm 145 *ESV*

Leader: Let us worship God!

Congregation:

- 1 I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*
*2 Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.*

Leader:

- 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

Congregation:

- 4 One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

Women:

- 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

Men:

- 6 They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.*

All:

- 7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

Leader:

- 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*
*9 The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*
*10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!*
*11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
12 to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,*

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
[The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]

Men:

14 The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Women:

15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
16 You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Men:

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

Leader:

18 The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.
20 The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

All:

21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for His sovereign and gracious providential care for all
His creatures and their work.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Trinity Hymnal #53)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

*The altar that commanded Israel to build when they entered the Promised Land was to be of uncut stones, upon which no tool had been used, to symbolize that atonement and reconciliation with God was the work of God alone through the acceptance of a substitute, and not the work of man to any degree. Yet the stones were to bear on them the words of God's law, to show that the absence of works from the accomplishment of reconciliation and atonement for sin was not to be understood to remove the covenant responsibility for obedience to God's law as the **purpose** and **resultant response** to reconciliation and the heart of a proper relationship to God, the very expression of love to Him.*

Deuteronomy 27:1-8 ^{ESV}

¹ Now Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, "Keep the whole commandment that I command you today."² And on the day you cross over the Jordan to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall set up large stones and plaster them with plaster.³ And you shall write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over to enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you.⁴ And when you have crossed over the Jordan, you shall set up these stones, concerning which I command you today, on Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster.⁵ And there you shall build an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones. You shall wield no iron tool on them;⁶ you shall build an altar to the LORD your God of uncut stones. And you shall offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God,⁷ and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and shall eat there, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God.⁸ And you shall write on the stones all the words of this law very plainly."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Notice that this hymn is both a confession of our sinfulness and an expression of faith in the cross of Christ as our only hope.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #251)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

One of the quintessential expressions of justification not only proclaims its means (faith alone), but also its purpose (good works), just as we saw in the reading of the law earlier.

Ephesians 2:8–10 ESV

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: **Hallelujah!**

* Hymn of Assurance

We express and delight in the humility appropriate to a realization and acknowledgment of salvation by grace alone in this precious hymn.

"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

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| 1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know | 4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood |
| 2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet | 5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry! |
| 3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might | © MPJ Music. |

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)

"Summing Up Galatians"

* Galatians 6:11-18

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.

"Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #60)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

One of the principal reasons that God blesses us in His grace is so that we might be able graciously to share our blessings with others. We declare this formally every time we give an offering in the context of public worship.

2 Corinthians 9:8 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.

"Lord of All Good, We Bring Our Gifts to You" *(Trinity Hymnal #435)*

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship with a celebration that the wonderful grace of God in Jesus Christ overcomes all, and is greater even than all of our sin (cf. Romans 5:20, 21).

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #467)

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)

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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