



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, April 10, 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.

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

The call to worship today comes from the song that Moses and Miriam sang after the triumph of God's people over Egypt and Pharaoh at the Red Sea. It notably portrays the Lord as a Warrior who fights for His people invincibly.

Exodus 15 ^{ESV}

Leader:

²¹ "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

Congregation:

¹ "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

All:

³ The Lord is a man of war;
the Lord is his name.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

*We express our praise to Christ our King, who leads us in battle
against our spiritual enemies, and who cannot be defeated!*

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" (Trinity Hymnal #572)

We receive NeW MeMbers iNto Our CoveNANt CoMMuNity

Carol Wakeman

Reading from the Law

Faithful spiritual battle requires at least two things: a determination not to fear the enemy and dependence upon the Lord for victory. We often fail in both respects.

Deuteronomy 20:1-4 ^{ESV}

¹ “When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. ² And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people ³ and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, ⁴ for the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.’

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession focuses on one of the main themes of our service today: dependence upon God, and our failure to look to Him rather than ourselves and our resources.

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

Christ, our Champion and the One on whom the faithful depend, is the One who triumphed over the rulers and authorities on our behalf. We overcome them and their ruler "by the blood of the Lamb and the word of [our] testimony (Revelation 12:11)."

Colossians 2:13-15 ESV

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Hymn of Assurance

We declare our faith in the power of God in Christ in this classic hymn: we "tremble not for...our ancient foe," since, as we have already seen today, "one little Word shall fell him."

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Trinity Hymnal #92)

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 New People’s Life, Part VI: The Reality of Spiritual Warfare”
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 6:10-13 ESV

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

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.

“O Help My Unbelief“

1. How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds Fast in his slavish chains
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred
word: “O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord.”
2. My soul obeys th' almighty call, And runs to this relief
I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.
3. Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, My reigning sins subdue;
Drive the old dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew.
Drive the old dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew.
Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.

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“Be Thou My Vision”

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
4. High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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Offering Meditation

One of “the Devil’s schemes” against which we must be constantly alert is the temptation to “set our hopes on the uncertainty of riches.” We battle this temptation by obeying the command here to be “generous and ready to share,” especially as we make offerings to God.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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 ask each other a challenging question as we leave today,
but we answer it as we sing, reaffirming our intention to “do
everything,” so that we might stand against the kingdom of Satan.*

“Am I a Soldier of the Cross” (Trinity Hymnal #573)

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

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“The New People’s Life, Part VI: The Reality of Spiritual Warfare”
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Ephesians 6:10-13

Introduction:

What must we understand about the spiritual battle in which we are engaged?

I. Our battle is against a formidable foe, v. 12.

A. Powerfully authoritative.

B. Ruthlessly wicked.

C. Disarmingly spiritual.

II. The battle cannot be won in our own power, vv. 10, 11.

A. We must remember God's power.

B. We must expect attack.

III. The battle requires our active engagement, v. 13.

A. Standing firm.

B. Doing all.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: