

CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 23, 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

This call to worship, drawn from the picture of heavenly worship witnessed by John and recorded in the book of Revelation, informs our worship, focusing it properly as based upon the atoning death of Christ, the Lamb of God, who, in the words of John the Baptizer (as recorded in his gospel by the Apostle John), "takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29)."

Revelations 5 ^{ESV}

Leader: We proclaim to Christ our King:

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Women: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Congregation: To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

All: Amen!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

The one who died is the one who has now been crowned King because of His death (Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 2:9).

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Trinity Hymnal #295)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God demands that we respect life, even when we avail ourselves of the food which God has provided. This points to the value of life, and ultimately of the infinite value of the life of the one whose blood is alone sufficient to atone for our sins (Hebrews 10:1-10).

Leviticus 17:10–14 ^{ESV}

"If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. ¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. ¹² Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

¹³ "Any one also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. ¹⁴ For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In our prayer for mercy and forgiveness now, we again focus upon the blood of Christ, in which is our hope for remission of our sins and reconciliation with a holy God.

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death. We are unclean before You and children of wrath. We continually transgress Your commandments; failing to do what You have commanded us, and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way. We acknowledge our

waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We confess to our humiliation and to the praise of Your mercy that our transgressions are innumerable, and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay. We are not worthy to be called Your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to You in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that You do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to You and live; we know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite; and so we take courage to call upon You from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Have compassion upon us in our infirmities. Wash us in the pure fountain of His blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Cover us with His innocence and righteousness, for the glory of Your Name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In the gospel, we look not only backward at the definitive accomplishment of our salvation through the blood of Christ at His first coming, but also forward to its final consummation at the second coming of Christ.

Hebrews 9:22–28 ^{ESV}

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer

repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We celebrate the ironic and glorious humiliation of Christ, which inexorably led to His exaltation, and ultimately to ours in Him.

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

(Trinity Hymnal #246)

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, and 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

(Mike Biggs)

"God with Us, Part III"

***Exodus 27**

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.

"Arise, O Lord Our God, Arise"

(Trinity Hymnal #374)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our offerings of worship to God are, as we see in this passage, "by the mercies of God," most particularly the offering of Himself to God as a sacrifice of atonement, as we have already seen in our service. Our offerings today are but a token of the presentation of ourselves, in imitation of Christ, as "living sacrifices" to Him as part of a life of worship.

Romans 12:1 ^{ESV}

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

"All for Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #565)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship praising the Savior, who left Heaven to come to us and become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God.

"O Jesus, We Adore Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #255)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"God with Us, Part III"

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 27

Introduction:

What do these elements of the Tabernacle teach us?

I. The teaching of the Lamp oil, vv. 20, 21.

A. Its meaning.

B. Its application.

II. The teaching of the Courtyard, vv. 9-19.

A. Its meaning.

B. Its application.

III. The teaching of the Bronze Altar, vv. 1-8.

A. Its meaning.

B. Its application.

— 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...

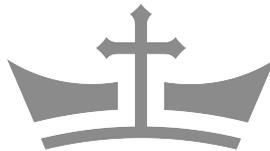
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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