



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, May 20, 2018

"...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.

** Indicates congregational standing*

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm calls each of us to worship by reminding us individually that the one who does great wonders for his people is the one who does great wonders for me.

Psalm 103:1–7 ^{ESV}

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Trinity Hymnal #100)

* Reading from the Law

Paul makes this remark near the end of a discussion of Christian liberty which puts the entire question in a different light. But his comment also has broad application to the Christian life: Do we actively seek to glorify God, even in what appear to be the mundane moments and choices of our lives?

1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Echoing the words of David, we together confess our sins and ask that God would grant us help to walk in holiness, as he has promised.

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Continuing in the psalm that called us to worship, we find a powerful image of forgiveness. The north and south poles are a fixed distance from one another, but one can continue traveling east or west indefinitely.

Psalm 103:8–14 ^{ESV}

- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

* Hymn of Assurance

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (Trinity Hymnal #521)

We Pray for Each Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

Sermon

“That You May Believe” (Tony Pyles)

* John 1:1–18 ESV

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

Offering Meditation

Paul here commends to the Corinthian church the example of their Macedonian brothers and sisters, who despite their poverty match their abundance of joy with an abundance of giving to meet the needs of the wider church.

2 Corinthians 8:1–7 ESV

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

Presentation of Offerings

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” (Trinity Hymnal #58)

* 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

* "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (Trinity Hymnal #529)

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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“That You May Believe” (Tony Pyles)

John 1:1–18

Introduction:

“The Evangelist does not feel it necessary to commend the story of Jesus to his readers. Rather he prepares for the story by describing the Son of God in terms that rivet the attention of his readers, and so encourages them to read the story for themselves.” –George R. Beasley-Murray

“But you don’t have to take my word for it!” –LeVar Burton

I. The Word and Creation, vv. 1–5

II. The Witness to the Word by John the Baptist, vv. 6–8

III. The Reactions to the Word in the World, vv. 9–13

IV. The Confession of the Word by the Church, vv. 14–18

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: