

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 28, 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.

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Call to Worship

In today's call to worship we recognize that God is our King and Creator who is fit for our thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. In addition we recognize that we are His people; members of the Kingdom who gather for fellowship and to glorify their King.

Psalm 95:1–7a *ESV*

- 1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- 3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God as our King and set our minds solely on Him.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We must seek diligently to remind ourselves of God's law every moment of every day, obey His commands and teach our children to do the same.

Deuteronomy 6:4–7 ^{ESV}

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this confession we recognize the depth of our sin and our need for God's forgiveness.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 51

(Trinity Hymnal page 804)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We rest in the fact that our salvation has been granted to us by the will of our sovereign Father through the work of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 11:25–30 ^{ESV}

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the joy and rest of our salvation by praising Him as the ruler of all creation.

"This Is My Father's World"

(Trinity Hymnal #111)

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

(Nathaniel Beaty)

"Predestination: Conundrum or Comfort"

* Habakkuk 3:17-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

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)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

As God has given freely to us, we give freely and cheerfully back to Him.

2 Corinthians 9:7–9 ^{ESV}

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ 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.”

"Psalm 73"

1. Surely God is good
To all the pure in heart
But as for me, my feet had almost slipped
I nearly lost my grip
For I envied, the arrogant
They are free, from my burdens

2. Surely I, in vain,
Have kept my, my heart pure
And surely they are strong and free from trials
While I am so confused
Then I entered Your holy place
Then I saw their destiny

3. Surely, theyre cast down
As those on slippery ground
As dreams fade when we wake, so they become
Completely swept away
In my heart I was arrogant
Like a beast before You

4. Yet always You are near
You guide me by Your Word
And always, my Lord God, You are my strength
My portion You will be
You're my refuge, my Sovereign Lord
I will sing of Your awesome deeds

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Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*We conclude our worship with a reminder of how comforting it is that
God is in control.*

"Be Still, My Soul"

(Trinity Hymnal #689)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

May 28, 2023

"Predestination: Conundrum or Comfort"

(Nathaniel Beaty)

Habakkuk 3:17–19

Introduction:

Habakkuk's problem is similar to our problem

I. The Conundrum: What is the problem?

A. Evil

B. Wicked Leaders

II. How have we contributed to this problem?

A. Doubt

B. Lawlessness

C. Lovelessness

III. The Comfort: How do we solve the problem?

A. Trust in the Lord

B. Rejoice in the Lord

— 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...

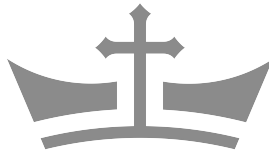
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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