



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, June 5, 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

Today's call to worship directs our attention to two important things about God relevant to the theme of our service today. One is that God "lifts up the humble," a statement which, coupled with the parallel next statement, equates the absence of humility with wickedness. The other is that God delights in people who trust in Him rather than in other strong or impressive things or people.

Psalm 147:1-11 ESV

1 Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

4 He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

6 The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

8 He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.

9 He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

In this hymn we declare God's sovereignty, which is the basis for some very important responses by us, which we also proclaim as we sing, including trust, confidence, endurance, and hope.

“O Father, You Are Sovereign” (Trinity Hymnal #75)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

Trusting God means, in part, realizing that, no matter what difficulties we face in life, God has brought these things into our lives to train us and to do us good. We learn through such trials that to obey God's Word always yields the best, no matter what the consequences.

Deuteronomy 8:1-6 ESV

¹ “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This hymn of confession expresses the heart of true repentance, a determination to trust in the only One who is truly trustworthy, the Lord Himself.

“A Sinner’s Cry”

1. Hear, gracious God, a sinner’s cry
For I have nowhere else to fly
My hope, my only hope’s in Thee
O God, be merciful to me
To Thee I come, a sinner poor
And wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed, I’ve nowhere else to flee
O God, be merciful to me
2. To Thee I come, a sinner weak
And scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free
O God, be merciful to me!
To Thee I come, a sinner vile
Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
Mercy, through blood, I make my plea
O God, be merciful to me
3. To Thee I come, a sinner great
And well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee
O God, be merciful to me
To Thee I come, a sinner lost
Nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art, Lord, I would be
O God be merciful to me
4. To glory bring me, Lord, at last
And there, when all my fears are past
With all Thy saints, then, I’ll agree
God has been merciful to me
God has been merciful to me

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God's commands are not burdensome precisely because saving faith gives us confidence in the goodness of God's will. In this way faith overcomes the world (the lures of false values), and it is this same faith that unites us to the saving work of Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:1-12 ESV

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Hymn of Assurance

The writer of this hymn wrote the words in five minutes, on the occasion of his sister's marriage. He had gone blind years before and because of it had lost his fiance and his occupation as a student of theology. He had then secured a pastoral position and could preach only because his sister cared for him, but now she was soon to be otherwise devoted. It is out of the profound sense of confidence in God that he pens these thoughts in the midst of uncertainty as to who would now care for a blind man and enable him to fulfill his purpose, thus providing a model for all of us in the trials and uncertainties of life.

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (Trinity Hymnal #708)

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

“Childlike Faith: the Only Way To Relate to God Properly”
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Psalm 131^{ESV}

¹ O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
³ O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.

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 Light That Knew No Dawn” (Trinity Hymnal #25)

Offering Meditation

What enabled this widow to be so giving? It was her confidence in the God who had always provided for her, and who she knew would continue to do so.

Luke 21:1-4 ESV

¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

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 leave our service today celebrating the faithfulness of God,
which gives us the confidence to face anything we will encounter in
this world.*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Trinity Hymnal #32)

Presentation of Mercy Ministry Offerings

(during hymn)

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

SERMON NOTES

June 5, 2016

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Introduction:

What are the marks of a childlike faith?

I. Childlike faith displays *submissive humility*, v. 1.

A. Faith is not arrogant.

B. Faith abandons the need for control.

II. Childlike faith displays *confident security*, v. 2.

A. The absence of anxiety.

B. The attitude of a weaned child.

III. Childlike faith displays *steadfast anticipation*, v. 3.

A. Hope as expectation.

B. Faith as endurance.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: