



CHRIST — THE KING —

The Lord's Day, June 2, 2019

“...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 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*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

The basis for this call to worship is in the fact that God is a King, the ultimate King who rules over all that He has created.

Psalm 95:1-6 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!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We respond to the above call by doing in this hymn what it commands: ascribing glory to Him in worship.

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” (Trinity Hymnal #4)

* Reading from the Law

The delegation by God of His authority to human government requires that we both respect it and work through it and in cooperation with it in building the Kingdom of God.

Genesis 9:5, 6; Romans 13:1-7 ^{ESV}

⁵ And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶ “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. ¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We appeal to the King of the nations for mercy in our failure to obey His authority in everything.

“Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer” (Trinity Hymnal #713)

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Christ's triumph freed us not only from legal guilt, but also from the tyranny of slavery to Satan and His kingdom, the “rulers and authorities” spoken of here.

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.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Redemption is the concept of being freed from slavery to someone through the payment of a debt. One of the most thrilling things about the salvation that comes to us through Jesus is that we are liberated from slavery to Satan's kingdom (Ephesians 2:1, 2) and free to follow our new Lord, Jesus Christ.

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It” (Trinity Hymnal #701)

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. 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

“Kingdoms in Conflict” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 25:1-12 ESV

1 Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. 2 And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him, 3 asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way. 4 Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly. 5 “So,” said he, “let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him.” 6 After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. 7 When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove. 8 Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.”

9 But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, "Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?" 10 But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. 11 If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar." 12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, "To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go."

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 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 God, Your Judgments Give the King” (Trinity Hymnal #312)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Because we worship a king, like the magi, we offer gifts to Him.

Matthew 2:11 | ESV

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

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 reSpond to the Word

We depart today exhorting each other to acknowledge the true King of all the earth, Him to whom all authority in heaven and on earth has been given.

* “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Trinity Hymnal #295)

Benediction