



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 4, 2021

"...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

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm enjoins us not only to give thanks to the Lord, but also to consider His steadfast love, so that it might encourage us in times of trial and engender in us the faith to face those trials well.

Psalm 107 ^{ESV}

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Behind this hymn, as adaptation of Psalm 23, lie the sentiments essential to walking with God through trials: confidence in His guidance, comfort in His presence, and joy in His providence.

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Trinity Hymnal #87)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We return again to this fundamental passage, as it is central to the issue at the heart of all of our sin, and central to life in Christ and walking with God. Hence it is fertile ground for examination of our hearts as we approach our time of confession.

Proverbs 3:5, 6 ^{ESV}

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession reflects the weariness of a soul weighed down by the burden of trials and their unsuccessful engagement. It progresses through in its honesty to hope in God's unfailing mercy.

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel
2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there
4. Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The God who has pardoned our sins in Christ is willing and able also to give us the power to endure any trial.

Isaiah 40:1, 2, 27–31 ESV

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the fact that, no matter what we face in this life, the comfort and security of the gospel is our anchor.

"It Is Well with My Soul"

(Trinity Hymnal#691)

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 will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"Dealing with Trials: the Key to Life in the World" (James, Part I)"

* James 1:1-12

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.

"All Must Be Well"

1. Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well
2. Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well
3. We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The reality of the Resurrection makes possible the material liberality which motivates the support of the people and the work of God in the Church, since we know this world is not the end of our lives, but eternity.

Acts 4:33–35 ESV

And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

"All for Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #731, vv 3,4)

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 close today with a prayer for the guidance that is promised in our passage for all who trust God with the faith expressed in this hymn.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

(Trinity Hymnal #598)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

July 4, 2021

"Dealing with Trials: the Key to Life in the World" (James,
Part I)"

James 1:1–12

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What must we do to deal with trials successfully?

I. Trials require *a response of joy*, vv. 2-4.

A. Attitude affects performance.

B. Adversity produces strength.

II. Trials require *a mind of wisdom*, v. 5.

A. The relation to wisdom.

B. The path to wisdom.

III. Trials require *a heart of faith*, vv. 6-12.

A. The condition of faith.

B. The essence of faith.

C. An example of faith.

D. The reward of faith.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: