



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, August 12, 2018

“...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 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 us to worship God because He is the Creator, and acknowledging Him is the duty of all of His creatures.

Psalm 148^{ESV}

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

3 Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

6 And he established them forever and ever;

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and mist,

stormy wind fulfilling his word!

9 Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

10 Beasts and all livestock,

creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and maidens together,

old men and children!

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We speak to ourselves and to all living things in this hymn, calling them to praise the God who not only made them, but also sustains and blesses them constantly with His providential care.

“Let All Things Now Living” (Trinity Hymnal #125)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

This passage, composed by Isaiah during the time of Israel’s rebellion before the Assyrian invasion, pictures their tendency to consult mediums and other forms of guidance rather than God’s Word, and exhorts them to seek only the revelation of the true God, their God, in the Scriptures for guidance.

Isaiah 8:19, 20 ^{ESV}

¹⁹ And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The fruit of this prayer of repentance is the petition of the psalmist that God show him the way he should go and teach him to do His will, for he knows that this is the path to blessing.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 143; Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Although we often forget God, nevertheless He has remembered His covenant to redeem His people from their enemies, the greatest of which are sin and death.

Luke 1:68-79 ^{ESV}

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

* Hymn of Assurance

This hymn, which we began to learn last week, is our Hymn of the Month. We will once again in today's sermon meditate on part of what it means to live life in the presence of God.

“Coram Deo”

Moment by moment, grace after grace
Openly, honestly before Your loving face.
Living before You, day after day
All of my life embraced in Your holy gaze

Coram Deo, Coram Deo
All of my life embraced in Your holy gaze

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We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

“The End of the Matter” Part II: Words of Delight” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 ESV

⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care.

¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. ¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. ¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

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.

“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth” (Trinity Hymnal #149)

*To be sung to the tune of ‘Jesus Shall Reign’

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Trinity Hymnal #116) vv1, 4

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The Israelites were commanded to offer to God the firstfruits, the initial produce of the harvest, before they partook of anything. This was to indicate to them that God was to be first in the way that they thought of all of their food and indeed of everything they had, in recognition that God had provided it, and that He was to be thanked. Let us make our offerings to God in worship today in the same spirit.

Leviticus 23:9-14 ^{ESV}

⁹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, ¹¹ and he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. ¹² And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the Lord. ¹³ And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, a food offering to the Lord with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. ¹⁴ And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

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 close our worship today with a prayer that God will guide us until the days of our deaths, thus making our lives of ultimate service, fulfillment, and joy.

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (Trinity Hymnal #598)

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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“The End of the Matter” Part II: Words of Delight

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Introduction:

How then do we live a wise, enlightened life?

- I. We must *believe* in the *necessity* of the Word of God, vv. 9-11.
 - A. The Preacher’s intentions.

- B. The Preacher’s analogies.

II. We must *depend upon* the *sufficiency* of the Word of God, v. 12.

A. The completeness of divine revelation.

B. The futility of human speculation.

- III. We must *submit* to the *authority* of the Word of God, vv. 13, 14.
 - A. Our obligation.

- B. Our accountability.

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: