



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 19, 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

Call to Worship

As our last series in James has been about genuine Christianity, which may be summarized as righteousness, our call today points out how appropriate it is for those who are righteous to praise God.

Psalm 33:1–5 ESV

- ¹ Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* **Hymn of Praise**

We speak to all the genuine Christians in our midst today, defined by their fear of the Lord, exhorting them to praise the God they seek.

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"

(Trinity Hymnal #9)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* **Reading from the Law**

This statement in David's classic prayer of confession and repentance is perhaps the most profound contained therein. It speaks to the preeminent importance of inward godliness, of what is true of us with respect to our hearts, the true centers of our being, the very thing that defines who we genuinely are.

Psalm 51:6 ESV

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Silent Confession of Sin
Corporate Confession of Sin

Perhaps the most important characteristic of this expression of repentance is its sincerity and honesty, making it supremely appropriate for inclusion in our service today.

Responsive reading, Psalm 51

(Trinity Hymnal p. 804)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

This call to repentance and promise of pardon comes to all who come to grips with the depth of their sin and come in honest repentance, genuinely seeking God. The promise is a precious one, because its only requirement is that we seek the Lord in sincerity.

Isaiah 55:1–7 ^{ESV}

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

*The heart of a genuine approach to God is the admission of our guilt and uncleanness, which is the beginning and foundation of God's renewal of our whole lives. This hymn celebrates that dynamic and both the ability and the willingness of Christ to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness, both our guilt and our pollution.*

"Come, Ye Sinners"

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power:
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.
2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.
3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.
4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

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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)

"Review of James: A Bird's Eye View of Genuine Christianity"

* James 5:19, 20

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.

"Jesus, with Thy Church Abide"

(Trinity Hymnal #348)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The basic integrity of the "man after God's own heart" is demonstrated in this story of David's offering to God. May such integrity grace all of our offerings as well.

2 Samuel 24:18–24 ^{ESV}

And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." ¹⁹ So David went up at Gad's word, as the LORD commanded. ²⁰ And when Araunah looked down, he saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out and paid homage to the king with his face to the ground. ²¹ And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be averted from the people." ²² Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood." ²³ All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you." ²⁴ But the king said to

Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

"Jesus, with Thy Church Abide" (See Communion)

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

As we leave today, let us affirm and proclaim our commitment to live lives of integrity, honestly committing anew all that we are and all that we have to our Savior and Lord.

"All for Jesus" (Trinity Hymnal #565)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

September 19, 2021

"Review of James: A Bird's Eye View of Genuine Christianity"

James 5:19, 20

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

How might we summarize James's view of genuine Christianity?

I. Genuine Christianity means *commitment* to God's revealed truth, 1:1–25.

A. Accepting the reality.

B. Embracing the reality.

C. Trusting God's purpose.

II. Genuine Christianity means *consistency* between professed beliefs and real life, 1:26–3:12.

A. Relating in love.

B. Controlling the tongue.

III. Genuine Christianity means *control* of natural worldly passions, 3:13–5:18.

A. Developing meekness.

B. Crucifying pride.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: