

CHRIST -THE KING-

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 18, 2022

"...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 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

Our call to worship this morning reminds us that the Lord is our creator, protector, healer, and redeemer.

Psalm 147:1-5 ESV

Praise the LORD!

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

²The 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.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We continue from our call to worship with this metrical setting of Psalm 147.

"With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud" (Trinity Hymnal #127)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

Throughout Scripture we are consistently commanded, both individually and corporately, to make much of God's name, to set our delight in him on display.

Psalm 34:3 ESV

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Together we confess our sins and ask that God would grant us help to walk in holiness, as he has promised.

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,

we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,

we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent,

according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Though we may have many pangs of conscience and hear many accusations of the evil one as we labor under conviction of sin and the work of the Holy Spirit, yet the word of Jesus to the repentant sinner is one of kindness and welcome.

Matthew 11:29 ESV

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

This hymn from former slave captain turned pastor John Newton celebrates the work of Christ for us, silencing the demands of the Law and bringing us into the presence of God.

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

(Trinity Hymnal #172)

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)

"O For a Thousand Tongues"

* Genesis 11:1–9

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.

" Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name"

(Trinity Hymnal #114)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The tithes and offerings we bring to worship, especially in response to the needs of kingdom work, become a rich blessing that brings glory to God and encouragement to his people.

Philippians 4:10-20 ESV

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in

need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

"To God Be the Glory"

(Trinity Hymnal #55)

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 join our voices together with the church catholic across time and space to sing the praises of our God as we close, thousands of voices in thousands of languages.

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Trinity Hymnal #164)

Benediction

—— SERMON NOTES ——

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"O For a Thousand Tongues" Genesis 11:1–9	(Tony Pyles)
Introduction:	

You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good.

I. The Potential of Humanity Embraces Wonder and Woe, vv. I-4

II. The Justice of God Encompasses Judgment and Restraint, vv. 5–9

III. The Government of God Entails Goodness and Beauty, vv. 8–9; Acts 2:1–13; Revelation 5:9–10

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:
Memorable Illustrations:
Evaluation:
Questions for Further Study:

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)

CoreValues (our fundamental commitments):

- I. Knowing truth from God (Scripture)
- 2. Being right with God (Justification)
- 3. Living life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

- 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

