



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 5, 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

We are called to praise the Lord because of His willingness to associate with, and His delight in, the humble.

Psalm 147:1–12 ESV

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ² The 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.
- ⁶ The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
- ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
- ⁹ He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
- ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- ¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

*This hymn offers praise to God in the spirit of meekness and humility,
which is so precious to Him.*

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul".

(Trinity Hymnal #57)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

*This is the essence of true repentance, not simply turning **from** sin, but also turning **to** the Lord. We must seek not only to renounce wicked deeds, we must seek the personal God who calls us to Himself. In other words, our repentance must be **theocentric** rather than **egocentric**.*

Isaiah 55:6, 7 ^{ESV}

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.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The elements of true repentance are all found here, in David's classic prayer of confession.

Responsive reading, Psalm 51

(Trinity Hymnal, p. 804)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

This promise is to Israel in exile, but it applies to all who turn to the Lord and seek Him in repentance..

Jeremiah 29:11–13 ^{ESV}

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We celebrate the unchanging faithfulness of our great God and Savior in this well-loved hymn..

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee?(Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee?(Who shall stand before Thee?)
2. To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy(Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy(Live alone by mercy)
3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)
4. What though I wait the live-long night,
And 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth)
And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow(All their sin and sorrow)

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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)

"The Meekness of Wisdom"

* James 3:13–4:12

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.

"Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night" (Trinity Hymnal #503)
To the RUF tune of 'Jesus, I Come.'

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Those who are poor in spirit are in reality rich beyond imagination, for they possess the Kingdom. It is this realization that is at the root of our ability and desire to give to the Kingdom.

Matthew 5:3 ^{ESV}

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver" (Trinity Hymnal #434)

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 by singing again this prayer for the true humility that produces true repentance and blessing.

"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know
2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet
3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might
4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood
5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Meekness of Wisdom"

James 3:13–4:12

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What does the "meekness of wisdom" look like?

I. Meekness relates to others unselfishly, 3:13–18.

A. Without competition.

B. Without discord.

II. Meekness responds to passions Scripturally, 4:1–5.

A. Sanctification and regulation.

B. Passions and the world.

III. Meekness repents toward God constantly, 4:6–12.

A. Submission.

B. Resistance.

C. Purification.

D. Sorrow.

E. Humility.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: