



CHRIST
-THE KING-

The Lord's Day, September 23, 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*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

We are called to worship the One who created all things, and has through His Son purchased people from every tongue, language, people, and nation to be His people.

Revelation 4, 5 ^{ESV}

Leader: Let us worship God our Father!

Congregation:

*¹¹ “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”*

Leader: Let us worship Christ the Lord!

Congregation:

*⁹ “Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”*

Leader:

*¹² “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”*

Congregation:

*¹³ “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”*

All: Amen!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In our hymn of praise today we celebrate the fact that the one who is enthroned in heaven is the one who gave Himself for us, full of love and grace.

“Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned” (Trinity Hymnal #185)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

Saying something that isn't true (lying) is not the only way we can disobey the spirit of this command. Withholding an essential part of the truth violates it also, and we who have the commission to tell others about Christ must remember this.

Deuteronomy 5:20 ^{ESV}

And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This adaptation of Psalm 51 reminds us that God's answer to our request to create in us clean hearts should cause us to anticipate that sinners will learn of God from us, not only through our words, but through our deeds as well.

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the
snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

We Rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The one who freed us from our sins by his blood is also the Faithful Witness.

Revelation 1:4-6 ESV

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice in grace and love of Christ, which produces in us not only gratitude, but a similar love for those who do not yet know Him.

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

- I. Jesus! I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole.

*CH: Jesus! I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.*

2. Oh, how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea:
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness,
Lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise,
And have made it mine.

*CH: Jesus! I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.*

3. Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart,
Satisfies its deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings,
Thine is love indeed.

*CH: Jesus! I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.*

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me,
As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace.

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

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

We heAr inStruction from the Lord

Sermon

“The Three ‘M’s’: Essentials for Effective Christian Mission”

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 17:16-21 ESV

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

W e C o m m u n e W i t h O u r L o r d

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.

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter’s power
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour
Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
2. See Him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross
Learn of Christ to bear the cross; learn of Christ to bear the cross.
3. Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete
“It is finished!” hear Him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die
Learn of Jesus Christ to die; learn of Jesus Christ to die.
4. Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless clay
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes; Savior, teach us so to rise
Savior, teach us so to rise; Savior, teach us so to rise.

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* “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” (Trinity Hymnal #176) vv. 1, 4

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The twenty-four elders, who represent the Church, cast their crowns before the throne as a declaration of the worthiness of God, which is what worship (“worth-ship”) is. We do the same as we cast a portion of what God has given us before the throne as an act of worship through tithes and offerings.

Revelation 4:9-11 ESV

9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

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, we reflect on the incredible love of Christ to us, and remember that this love is extended to many who do not yet know Him, whose only avenue to this knowledge is us and our testimony to Him.

* “My Song Is Love Unknown” (Trinity Hymnal #182)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

September 23, 2018

“The Three ‘M’s’: Essentials for Effective Christian Mission”
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 17:16-21

Introduction:

What are the key components of biblical contextualization?

- I. Effective Christian mission must have *a godly motivation*, v. 16.
 - A. God’s honor.

- B. People’s need.

- II. Effective Christian mission must have *a salty message*, vv. 17-18.
 - A. The core of the message.

- B. The approach of the message.

- III. Effective Christian mission must have a *flexible methodology*, vv. 17-21.
 - A. The marketplace of ideas.

- B. The guidance of open doors.

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: