



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, October 9, 2016

"...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 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 that the congregation stands during this element of worship.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

We are called to sing the glory of God's name and to give Him glorious praise, because it is God who deserves all glory.

Psalm 66:1-4 ESV

- 1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
- 2 sing the glory of his name;
 give to him glorious praise!
- 3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
 So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
- 4 All the earth worships you
 and sings praises to you;
 they sing praises to your name."

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We express in our hymn of praise the desire for God to receive glory for what He has done, not only in creation, but in His works of goodness to us, especially in saving us from our sins.

"To God Be The Glory" (Trinity Hymnal #55)

* Reading from the Law

The instructions given in the Mosaic law for Israel's eventual king were, among other things, to ensure that he would not exalt himself above his brothers. Our King under the New Covenant is Christ Jesus, but in Him we are all kings (Revelation 5:9, 10). Therefore these instructions apply to all of us.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 ESV

¹⁴“When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’ ¹⁵you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’ ¹⁷And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

¹⁸“And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Today the heart of our confession is the admission of our narcissism and self-centeredness. But God can deliver us from the ugliness and misery of this sin.

Compassionate and Gracious God, Who in the person of Your Son emptied yourself of all Your divine prerogatives for our sakes and gave to the uttermost, we humbly beseech your forgiveness for the narcissism and self-centeredness which we constantly display in the living of our lives: forgetting you, neglecting others and their needs, considering only our interests, needs, and desires. We have truly every one of us turned to our own way from time to time, wandering like lost sheep. But oh our Savior, we despise these our ways and appeal to Your infinite grace, that you would not only forgive these our sins, casting them into the depths of the sea and remembering them no more, but also that you would work in us that true obedience from the heart that both pleases you and blesses Your people, by the power of Your Spirit, in the name of Your precious Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

It was Jesus' forfeiture of His glorious position that enabled Him to provide the sacrifice for sins on the cross. A big part of the gospel is the humiliation of Christ, which ironically enough, is the very thing that led and leads to His exaltation, and the same is true for us.

Philippians 2:1-11 ESV

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied

himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* Hymn of Assurance

We cannot take credit for any part of our salvation, because even the things we have done are the result of God's grace, a fact to which we testify as we sing this great hymn.

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

1. Not what my hands have done
Can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.
2. Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
Thy love to me O God,
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of this dark unrest,
And set my spirit free!
3. Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine,
No other blood will do,
No strength save that, which is divine,
Can bear me safely through.

4. I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart,
I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt,
I bury in His tomb
My unbelief, and all my fear,
Each lingering shade of gloom.
5. I praise the God of grace,
I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call Him mine,
My God, my joy, my light
'Tis He Who saveth me,
And freely pardon gives
I love because He loveth me,
I live because He lives!

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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 Folly of Vainglory” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Judges 12:1-7 Reference ESV

¹ The men of Ephraim were called to arms, and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, “Why did you cross over to fight against the Ammonites and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire.” ² And Jephthah said to them, “I and my people had a great dispute with the Ammonites, and when I called you, you did not save me from their hand. ³ And when I saw that you would not save me, I took my life in my hand and crossed over against the Ammonites, and the LORD gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?” ⁴ Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, “You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim and Manasseh.” ⁵ And the Gileadites captured the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. And when any of the fugitives of Ephraim said, “Let me go over,” the men of Gilead said to him, “Are you an Ephraimite?” When he said, “No,” ⁶ they said to him, “Then say Shibboleth,” and he said, “Sibboleth,” for he could not pronounce it right. Then they seized him and slaughtered him at the fords of the Jordan. At that time 42,000 of the Ephraimites fell. ⁷ Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in his city in Gilead.

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 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.

"I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art" (Trinity Hymnal #168)

Offering Meditation

Our gifts result in thanksgiving and glory to God, because it is He who gives us the motivation and the ability to give. We should be motivated thus to give, so that God, not us, receive glory.

II Corinthians 9:11-14 ESV

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

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 by singing a prayer for humility, that most elusive of virtues.

* 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

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

October 9, 2016

“The Folly of Vainglory” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Judges 12:1-7

Introduction:

What do we learn about self-glorification in the Church from this story?

I. Self-glorification *divides God's people*, vv. 1-4.

A. The psychology of vainglory.

B. The effects of vainglory.

II. Self-glorification *invites God's judgment*, vv. 4-6.

A. It is inconsistent with communal love.

B. It is worthy of severe treatment.

III. Self-glorification *obscures God's glory*, v. 7.

A. Jephthah's inadequacy.

B. Jephthah's glory.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:



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