



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 19, 2023

"...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

Our call to worship today reminds us of His goodness to us, His children, and exhorts us, as is appropriate in this season, to thanksgiving. We wish we had thought of this passage for last week's call (See if you can tell why!).

Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32 *ESV*

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ²³ Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;
- ²⁴ they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.
- ²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- ²⁶ They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;
- ²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.
- ²⁸ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- ²⁹ He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- ³⁰ Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
- ³¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- ³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We give our thanks and grateful praise to the God who has showered such manifold and profound blessings on all of His creation.

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

(Trinity Hymnal #116)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Childlike faith trusts God, no matter what our circumstances seem to indicate. This is the faith that God requires, and the faith that He gives.

Daniel 3:15–18 ^{ESV}

Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The foe of whom we read here was certainly, for David, a plurality of foes about whom we read in the books of I-II Samuel. But for both him and us, the reference is also to our principal enemies: the world, the flesh, and the Devil, and it is the faith in God articulated here that is our refuge and our remedy.

Responsive reading, Psalm 61

(Trinity Hymnal p. 806)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Just as is true for all of the heroes of the faith, we still await the full realization of all that God has promised. But our faith in what we do not see is, for them and for us, the avenue to glory.

Hebrews 11:1, 2, 39, 40 ^{ESV}

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² For by it the people of old received their commendation.

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We adore our Savior as we sing of His mighty power to save.

"Jesus, I Come"

*1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.*

*Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.*

*Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

*Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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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, and these will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with the words, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"The Jesus You Can Know (X)—

'Jesus' Opinion of Little Children (and Us)'"

* Matthew 18: 1–6; Mark 9:33–37; 10:13–16

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.

"O People Blest, Whose Sons in Youth"

(Trinity Hymnal #362)

"Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name"

(Trinity Hymnal #114)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is significant that, in both Matthew and Mark, the account of the rich young man immediately follows Jesus' reception of and teaching on the faith of children. Our willingness to give whatever Jesus requires is an indication of the nature of our faith in Him.

Matthew 19:16–22 ^{ESV}

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰ The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642 v.3)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We depart today with childlike faith on our lips as we profess simple reliance upon the love of Jesus, in accord with His Word.

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

(Trinity Hymnal #189)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Jesus You Can Know (X)—'Jesus' Opinion of Little Children
(and Us)"" (Mike Biggs)

Matthew 18: 1–6; Mark 9:33–37; 10:13-16

Introduction:

How should God's people relate to children in the Kingdom of God?

I. We must *recognize* a common *misconception* about children and the Kingdom.

A. The status of children.

B. The endowments of children.

II. We must *embrace* the uninhibited *inclusion* of children in the Kingdom.

A. The humility of a child.

B. The faith of a child.

III. We must *participate* in faithful *ministry* to children in the Kingdom.

A. The body of Jesus.

B. The blessing of Jesus.

— 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...

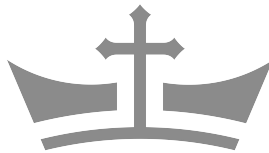
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

CoreValues (our fundamental commitments):

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



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