



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, January 19, 2020

"...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.

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

Our call to worship today draws attention to the fact that, as everything we have comes from the Lord, it is He from whom we should seek all good things, rather than governments or any other human source.

Psalm 146 ^{ESV}

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for His goodness and provision for us in all of life.

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

1. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
 O my soul, Jehovah praise;
 I will sing the glorious praises
 Of my God through all my days.
 Put no confidence in princes,
 Nor for help on man depend;
 He shall die, to dust returning,
 And his purposes shall end.

2. Happy is the man that chooses
 Israel's God to be his aid;
 He is blest whose hope of blessing
 On the Lord his God is stayed.
 Heaven and earth the Lord created,
 Seas and all that they contain;
 He delivers from oppression,
 Righteousness He will maintain.

3. Food He daily gives the hungry,
 Sets the mourning prisoner free,
 Raises those bowed down with anguish,
 Makes the sightless eyes to see,
 Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
 And the stranger He befriends,
 Helps the fatherless and widow,
 Judgment on the wicked sends.

4. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
Through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion,
Joyful hallelujahs sing.

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WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This passage is a solemn reminder of our tendency to forget from where the blessings we enjoy come, and to imagine that we can fend for ourselves rather than constantly depending upon God. It is a warning not to forget Him, and by extension constantly to express our dependence in a vital life of prayer.

Deuteronomy 8:11-20^{ESV}

¹¹ "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this

wealth.' ¹⁸You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This adaptation of Psalm 130, penned by Martin Luther, whose spirit dominates our service today, springs from the heart of one who knew what it was to do battle with Satan, once throwing an ink well at him as he perceived him tempting him in his cell/office in the monastery as a monk.

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,

○ who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

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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 upmost 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)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

This passage, part of the magnificent section of Isaiah 40-48, declares that God has determined to save His people, and calls them (us!) to remember it and turn to Him in faith.

Isaiah 45:22-46:13 ESV

- ²² "Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
- ²³ By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.'
- ²⁴ "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
to him shall come and be ashamed
all who were incensed against him.
- ²⁵ In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
shall be justified and shall glory."
- ¹ Bel bows down; Nebo stoops;
their idols are on beasts and livestock;
these things you carry are borne
as burdens on weary beasts.
- ² They stoop; they bow down together;
they cannot save the burden,
but themselves go into captivity.
- ³ "Listen to me, O house of Jacob,

all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from before your birth,
carried from the womb;

⁴ even to your old age I am he,
and to gray hairs I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.

⁵ "To whom will you liken me and make me equal,
and compare me, that we may be alike?

⁶ Those who lavish gold from the purse,
and weigh out silver in the scales,
hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god;
then they fall down and worship!

⁷ They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it,
they set it in its place, and it stands there;
it cannot move from its place.
If one cries to it, it does not answer
or save him from his trouble.

⁸ "Remember this and stand firm,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,

⁹ remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,

¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

¹¹ calling a bird of prey from the east,
the man of my counsel from a far country.

I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;

I have purposed, and I will do it.

¹² "Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,
you who are far from righteousness:

¹³ I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off,
and my salvation will not delay;
I will put salvation in Zion,
for Israel my glory."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

True, saving faith looks not at itself or the one who wields it, but upward to the One who gives it and every other good and perfect gift (James 1:16-18). This is the insight and the perspective that inspires and animates prayer.

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal page 528)

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 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

"Spiritual Glue"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Ephesians 6:18-20 ^{ESV}

¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal page 629)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

To recognize that God is the One who has given all that we have is one aspect of ascribing to Him the glory due His name. That is why the psalmist in this context exhorts God's people to bring an offering to the place of worship and publicly acknowledge both His provision and His glory as our King.

Psalm 96:8^{ESV}

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

1 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the LORD, for He is kind:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

2 Let us blaze His Name abroad,
for of gods He is the God:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

3 He with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

4 All things living He doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

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 depart today, we leave expressing confidence in the victory over Satan already accomplished by our Lord Jesus, "that Word above all earthly powers," through whom and in whom our triumph in the struggle against "the spiritual forces of this present darkness" is assured.

* **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

(Trinity Hymnal page 92)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

January 19, 2020

Spiritual Glue
Ephesians 6:18-20

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What must we see about prayer as a resource in our struggle?

I. We must properly engage with God in prayer, v. 18a.

A. Mutual indwelling.

B. Constant communion.

II. We must properly engage with the world in prayer, v. 18b.

A. Keeping on the alert.

B. Focusing on the family.

III. We must properly engage with our mission in prayer, w.
19, 20.

A. Wisdom.

B. Courage.

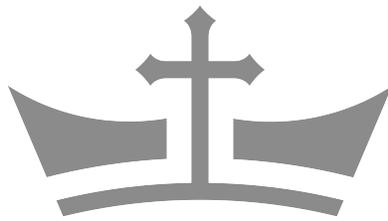
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Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:



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