

The Lord's Day, January 21, 2018

"...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 congregational standing

We ApproAch the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

This familiar call to worship is built on seven commands; the central command is to "know" that the LORD made us and we belong to him as sheep to a shepherd.

Psalm 100 ESV
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In this hymn Isaac Watts interprets Psalm 72 for us in light of Jesus as the royal son.

"Jesus Shall Reign" (Trinity Hymnal #441)

* Reading from the Law

God rules over us as shepherd not only because he has created us but also because he has redeemed us from sin and led us out of bondage. Because of all this, we owe our full and complete allegiance to him.

Exodus 20:1-3 ESV

1 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3"You shall have no other gods before me.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Together we confess our sins and ask that God would grant us help to walk in holiness, as he has promised.

Corporate Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In the surrounding paragraph John makes clear that we deceive ourselves and make God a liar if we say we are without sin; but knowing our need, God has provided for our forgiveness and cleansing through his son Jesus Christ.

I John 1:9 ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* Hymn of Assurance

The ground of our assurance is that, whereas our sin is put to Christ's account, his righteousness is put to ours, so that we are clothed in him.

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (Trinity Hymnal #520)

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

"Grace that is Greater than All Our Sin" (Tony Pyles)

* Zechariah 3 ESV

Then he showed me loshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. 2 And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. 4 And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by. 6 And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua, 7 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. 9 For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. 10 In that day, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree."

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Offering Meditation

As God builds his church, he pours out material blessings on his us and stirs our hearts to give from our abundance to support the work and worship of God's people.

Exodus 35:21 ESV

And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments.

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

* "Be Thou My Vision" (Trinity Hymnal #642)

Benediction

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Introduction:

The Gospel according to Zechariah

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B. State of the High Priest

C. Removal of Iniquity

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For Your Personal Devotions _____

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