



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, December 27, 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.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Notice how, at the end of these verses, justice and "steadfast love" (mercy) are juxtaposed as summarizing the character of the Lord. We will see these again in the summary of God's expressed will for the character of His people in today's sermon passage.

Psalm 33:1–5 ESV

- ¹ Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We celebrate, as did the angels on the night of Christ's birth, and worship the King of Kings.

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

(Trinity Hymnal #218)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Central to our sermon passage today is God's Covenant with His people, which disposes them to blessing or cursing depending on their response to His promises and their obligations under that Covenant. Here God passionately appeals to His people through Moses: do those things which result in His blessing, which is always the desire of the Covenant Lord, who is both righteous and loving, for His people. This appeal is the gist of the application of today's sermon.

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 ^{ESV}

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The confession in this hymn is found in the last part of verse 4 and the prayer of verse 5, in which we acknowledge our sin and weakness before God, and pray that He might transform us by His grace, saving us not only from sin's guilt, but also ultimately from its very presence.

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

(Trinity Hymnal #221)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The proclamation of the angel to the shepherds never gets old: "...for unto **you** is born this day...a **Savior. Remember**, in the biblical sense, this truth today, and rejoice in your **soul**, for this is life eternal!*

Luke 2:10, 11 ^{ESV}

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice in the wonder of God's salvation through Christ, certain on the night He was born, even before His work was completed.

"All This Night My Heart Rejoices"

(Trinity Hymnal #217)

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

"Through Judgment to Pardon" Part I

(Mike Biggs)

* Micah 6

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.

"Revive Thy Work, O Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #370)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

This prophecy is fulfilled in us now as we present our worshipful offerings to God in the midst of His house, the New Temple, the Church, which is His body through the incarnation of Christ (Christmas!) and its union with Him.

Haggai 2:6–9 ^{ESV}

"For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. 7 And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. 9 The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts."

"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

(Trinity Hymnal #368)

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

*We conclude our worship where we began today, with adoration of Christ in the spirit of the angels who filled the sky so long ago, echoing their glorious praise to God **"in the highest."***

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

(Trinity Hymnal #218)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

December 27, 2020

"Through Judgment to Pardon" Part I
Micah 6

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

How does the way God deals with His people in their sin display the wonder of His grace?

I. God's grace is displayed in His *reminding of His deeds*,
vv. 1-5.

A. The Lord's emotional appeal.

B. The Lord's historical lesson.

II. God's grace is displayed in His *revealing of His will*, vv. 6-8.

A. A mistaken notion.

B. The correct notion.

III. God's grace is displayed in His *reproving of His people*,
vv. 9-16.

A. A perspective on discipline.

B. A justification for discipline.

C. A description of discipline.

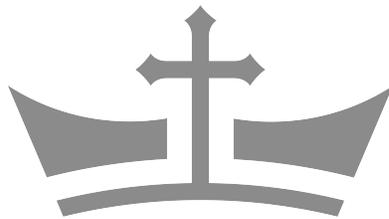
— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:



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