



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, December 30, 2018

“...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*

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm follows immediately after Psalm 110, a classic Messianic psalm. Various reasons the psalmist gives for God's praise here are supremely exemplified in the Incarnation: His remembrance of His covenant (cf. Luke 2:54, 55, 72, 73), His giving His people the inheritance of the nations (cf. Psalm 2:1-9, esp. vv. 7-9, Revelation 2:26, 27), etc.

Psalm 111 ESV

Leader: 1 Praise the LORD!

Congregation:

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader:

- 2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- 8 they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We echo the song of the angels in calling all creation to give glory to God for what He has done in sending His Son.

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Trinity Hymnal #214)

W e A c k n o w L e d g e O u r S i n

* Reading from the Law

These verses illustrate a principle of the covenant, that the first (firstfruits, firstborn) of everything is representative of the whole, and that, since all belongs to God, presentation of the first is acknowledgement of God’s comprehensive ownership. Moreover, God’s dealings with the first express His relationship to the whole. This, as we shall see, means that God’s dealings with Christ (the Firstborn over all creation) establish His dealings with and relationship to us, to all who are united to Him.

Exodus 4:21-23 ^{ESV}

²¹ And the Lord said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. ²² Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, ²³ and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.’”

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Since God is the owner of all, we need to confess our nearly constant failure to live out the implications of this fact.

Corporate Confession: O Most merciful Father, Who gives life to everything that breathes and Whose eyes are too pure to gaze upon iniquity, we lay before You our sin and uncleanness in utter shame and humiliation. In direct defiance of our continuing debt to live unto You, acknowledge You, serve You and obey You, we have turned into ourselves and to our own way, pursuing our own ends as if we could create our own meaning, so rendering ourselves liable to Your just wrath and the penalty of death. We despise our ways, but confess that we are utterly powerless to change them or to please You truly to any degree. But we remember that You have declared Yourself to be the gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. We thus cast ourselves upon Your mercy, believing Your precious promise that those who come to You, You will in no wise cast out. We know and trust that, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, You will not only forgive both our sins and our sin, but also grant us power like unto that by which You raised Him from the dead to walk in newness of life, not for the sake of any merit which we obtain thereby, but solely for the glory of the Name which is above every name, in which we offer this our prayer. Amen.

We Rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Jesus has enabled us, through our union with the human nature which He obtained at His incarnation, to know God in the fullest sense of what that means.

John 17:1-11, 20-26 ESV

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them

to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Hymn of Assurance

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“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” (Trinity Hymnal #211)

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 Word Became Flesh” Part II (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* John 1:1-18 ESV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone,

was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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.

“One Thing I Ask” Psalm 27

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life.
Of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers come to feed upon my flesh,
My enemies and foes: they stumble and fall.
Though a force encamps against me, my heart will not fear;
Through war I'm confident.
3. One thing I ask from the LORD, that I seek:
To dwell in HIS house all the days of my life,
To look on the beauty of the LORD,
In his temple meditate.
4. For He'll hide me in his shelter on the troubled day.
He will cover me in the cover of his tent.
On a rock He'll lift me high. Now my head will be raised up
Above my surrounding foes.
5. And then I will offer in the shelter of his tent
My sacrifice, and shouts of joy.
And so I will sing out unto the LORD,
I will sing in praise.
6. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud.
Be gracious to me, and answer me.
You have said, “Seek my face,” and my heart says to you,
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

7. Don't hide yourself from me, or reject me in your wrath.
You have been my help; do not cast me off!
Don't ever leave me, my Savior, my God,
for my father and mother left.
8. But the LORD will take me in. LORD, teach me your way.
Lead me true, because of my foes.
Don't give me up to them, false and violent men;
Against me they rise up.
9. I believe that I'll look on the goodness
Of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD! Be strong! Set your heart,
And wait for the LORD.

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“Be Thou My Vision” (Trinity Hymnal #642)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Once again we note that the appropriate response to the coming of the King is to shower Him with gifts befitting His majesty, as an expression of worship.

Matthew 2:11 ESV

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

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

Like the saints of old, though we live after the incarnation and first coming of Jesus, still wait expectantly for His coming, His second and final coming, at which all the blessings God has promised will finally and fully be realized.

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (Trinity Hymnal #196)

Benediction