



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, February 12, 2017

"...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 that the congregation stands during this element of worship.*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

The call to worship today calls all the earth to worship the Lord with joy. This is most appropriate since God is the Creator, and since every tongue is destined to confess the Lordship of Christ to the glory of God.

Psalm 100 ^{ESV}

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 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.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We call today for praise for God not only from those present with us, but from everyone on earth. This comports with today's call to worship perfectly, as God's program is for the redemption of the whole world.

"From All That Dwell below the Skies" (Trinity Hymnal #7)

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

* Reading from the Law

God commands true repentance from all who would seek His mercy, and promises in the same breath mercy and abundant pardon.

Isaiah 55:6, 7 ^{ESV}

- 6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
- 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This setting of the essence of Psalm 51, David's famous prayer after his sin with Bathsheba, provides a model expression for us of true confession and repentance.

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

There is, according to this passage, both godly and worldly sorrow, the latter often leading to false repentance, and the former to true repentance, resulting in salvation. This is one of the principal promises of the Gospel.

II Corinthians 7:8-10 ESV

8 For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it— though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. 9 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

* Hymn of Assurance

This beautiful hymn is an unusually appropriate expression of the dependence upon the grace of God that a truly repentant soul, exhausted from awareness of the depth of its sin, manifests in its desperation and, just as surely, in its hope.

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel
2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner’s prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

4. Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet.

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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 Dawn of the Age of the Spirit”—Part II (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 2:1-41 ESV

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from

every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb

is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.” ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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.

"Covenant King" (Psalm 132)

- 1 Remember, LORD, for David's sake,
His afflictions, ev'ry one!
- 2 He swore unto the LORD. He vowed
To Jacob's Mighty One:
- 3 "I will not go into my house.
I will not lie in bed.
- 4 I will not let my eyes have sleep,
Or give my eyelids rest,
- 5 Till I find a place for the LORD;
Find a dwelling place for Jacob's Mighty One."

2. 6 Look! We heard it there in Ephrathah,
Found it there in Jaar's fields.
7 Let us go up to his dwelling place;
Let us bow before his feet.
8 Arise, LORD, to your resting place;
With the ark your might!
9 And let your priests wear righteousness;
Your people sing delight!
10 For the sake of David your servant,
Don't turn back the face of your Anointed One!
3. 11 The LORD to David swore an oath
From which he will not turn:
"One from the womb, who is your fruit,
I will set upon your throne.
12 If your sons keep my covenant,
My law I'll teach to them
Then even their sons evermore
Upon your throne will sit."
13 For the LORD has chosen Zion.
He desires to have her for his dwelling place!
4. 14 Forever this will be my rest;
Here I'll dwell as I desire.
15 I'll bless her food abundantly;
Satisfy her poor with bread.
16 Salvation I will give her priests,
To cover them like clothes;
And then her saints will sing for joy,
17 And David's power will grow,
And a lamp for my Anointed I've prepared.
18 I will clothe his foes with shame,
But on him his crown will shine.

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"Jesus Shall Reign" (Trinity Hymnal #441) v. 4,5

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Paul appeals to the Roman church for support in his mission to preach the gospel to the far reaches of the known world, since, as we have seen already today, that is the extent of God's loving heart and desire to save. Our tithes and offerings today support the effort of the church's mission just as really as the Roman Christians supported Paul's efforts.

Romans 15:23, 24 ^{ESV}

²³ But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, ²⁴ I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.

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

Jesus is the only answer for those brought to true repentance and the brink of hopelessness due to their sin. We express that hope and pray in the last verse of this beloved hymn our reception of Jesus as Savior and our faith and confidence in and union with Him.

* "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!" (Trinity Hymnal #498)

Benediction

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)

Core Values (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

How can you be a part of all this?

SERMON NOTES

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“The Dawn of the Age of the Spirit”-Part II (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 2:1-41

Introduction:

What is required in the New Covenant Age for the expansion of God's Kingdom?

I. Kingdom expansion requires *the powerful gift of the Holy Spirit*, vv. 1-13.

A. The delay of expansion.

B. The nature of expansion.

C. The prerequisites for expansion.

II. Kingdom expansion requires *the plain declaration of the Gospel*, vv. 14-36.

A. The Gospel relates events.

B. The Gospel reveals Christ.

C. The Gospel respects the Kingdom.

III. Kingdom expansion requires *the proper response of the elect*, vv. 37-41.

A. Repentance from the heart.

B. Baptism into Jesus.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: