



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, February 28, 2016

"...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.

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

We are called today to worship the God whose absolute reign is conducted with perfect righteousness, justice, and love.

Psalm 97 ^{ESV}

- 1 The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!
- 8 Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 O you who love the Lord, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

We respond to today's call to worship by doing exactly what it calls us to do, proclaiming the very reasons Psalm 97 gave for doing so.

“Rejoice, All People, Homage Give” (Trinity Hymnal #73)

Reading from the Law

The passage from Exodus above indicates how serious the respect for the most fundamental delegated authority, that of parents, was to God with respect to the welfare of Israel. The Hebrews passage is another expression of delegated authority, in this case to leaders in the church, emphasizing the benefit of submitting to such authority willingly and humbly. These principles apply to all the spheres of authority delegated to man by God, and obligate us to attitudes and behavior consonant with them.

Exodus 21:15, 17; Hebrews 13:17 ^{ESV}

¹⁵Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.

¹⁷Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This might not look like a hymn of confession, unless you look closely. As we sing we admit our need for (thus, our lack of) the humility necessary for submission to His ultimate authority, and the pride that seeks to displace it.

“Jesus Cast a Look on Me”

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know
2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might
4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood
5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The leaders whose faith the writer to the Hebrews here tells us to imitate identified with Jesus and His humiliation, the humiliation which entailed His suffering for sin in order to sanctify His people. They thus exemplified the type of servant leadership and humility God calls all to whom He delegates authority to exercise.

Hebrews 13:7-14 ESV

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

Hymn of Assurance

Again, we worship the ultimate authority, the King, by telling our souls to praise Him, acknowledging the preeminent importance of heart attitude to worship in spirit and truth.

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
*Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.*
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
*Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.*
3. Frail as summer's flower we flourish
Blows the wind and it is gone
But while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on
*Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the high eternal One.*
4. Father like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He Knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
*Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.*
5. Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
*Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.*

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 New People’s Life, Part IV: God-centered Authority (Parental)”
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 6:1-4 ^{ESV}

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the 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, (**or universal*)
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

“My God, My Father, Blissful Name”

1. My God, my Father, blissful name
Oh may I call Thee mine?
May I with sweet assurance claim
A portion so divine?
This only can my fears control
And bid my sorrows fly;
What harm can ever reach my soul
Beneath my Father's eye?
2. Whate'er Thy providence denies
I calmly would resign
For Thou art just, and good, and wise
O bend my will to Thine
Whate'er Thy sacred will ordains
O give me strength to bear;
And let me know my Father reigns
And trust His tender care
3. If pain and sickness rend this frame
And life almost depart
Is not Thy mercy still the same
To cheer my drooping heart
If cares and sorrows me surround
Their power why should I fear?
My inward peace they cannot wound
If Thou, my God, art near

“For The Beauty Of The Earth”

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

*CH: Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

4. For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love
5. For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To our race so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

*We offer the sacrifice of praise as part of our worship in
presenting to God tithes and offerings.*

Psalm 116:16-19 ESV

- ¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

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 leave today affirming our trust in the One that is Father to all of us who believe, parents and children alike, and our intention to obey Him.

“Father, I Know That All My Life” (Trinity Hymnal #559)

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 New People’s Life, Part IV: God-centered Authority
(Parental)”

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 6:1-4

Introduction:

How should parental authority model the God-centered nature of all legitimate authority?

- I. Parental authority should have a God-centered *rationale*, v. 1.
 - A. The precise nature of this command.

 - B. The prevalent problem of false rationales.

 - C. The preeminent significance of this rationale.

II. Parental authority should have a God-centered *effect*, vv. 2, 3

A. The essential breadth of this command.

B. The relational basis of this command.

III. Parental authority should have a God-centered goal, v. 4.

A. The negative.

B. The positive.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: