



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, February 26, 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

Our call to worship today not only proclaims the sovereign, kingly transcendence of God as a rationale for our worship, but also declares how He cares about the lowly in all His exaltedness, and, more than that, exalts them and makes them princes and productive people.

Psalm 113 ^{ESV}

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the LORD is to be praised!

4 The LORD is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens!

5 Who is like the LORD our God,

who is seated on high,

6 who looks far down

on the heavens and the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes,

with the princes of his people.

9 He gives the barren woman a home,

making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We proclaim in this hymn the glorious effects of the rule of Jesus the Messiah in the kingdom He has established and is building through us, His church.

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (Trinity Hymnal #311)

* Reading from the Law

This Old Testament law might seem cruel, but the intent is not to disparage the lame or defective, but lameness and defects themselves as the result of sin. The implied obligation is that we recognize that sin is the origin of such ugly and debilitating phenomena (albeit not always the personal sin of those who suffer from them) and work to eliminate all of the effects of sin, hating them with a holy passion. This was the attitude of David, whose hatred of the “blind and lame” (actually a reference to the pagan Jebusites who then held the land that was to be taken and made the holy site of the Temple) was not so much a hatred of the persons but of the sin that had affected them so profoundly and made them unclean in God’s sight (II Samuel 5:8). Ultimately, we must recognize that we are all unclean before a holy God because of our sin, and seek His remedy for it, which alone can cleanse us and make us acceptable to Him.

Leviticus 21:18-20 ESV

¹⁸ For no one who has a blemish shall draw near, a man blind or lame, or one who has a mutilated face or a limb too long, ¹⁹ or a man who has an injured foot or an injured hand, ²⁰ or a hunchback or a dwarf or a man with a defect in his sight or an itching disease or scabs or crushed testicles.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess here that we are much more prone to recognize uncleanness in others than in ourselves, and to be complacent toward the effects of sin that do not directly affect us. Both are themselves sin, as we have seen.

Lord God, we confess our failure to be true even to our own accepted standards, our unwillingness to apply to ourselves the standards of conduct we demand of others, our complacency towards wrongs that do not touch our own lives, our slowness to see the good in others and the evil in ourselves, our hardness of heart toward the faults of our neighbors and our readiness to make allowances for our own. O Lord, please forgive and grant us your pardon through Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The gospel declares that no one who is identified with sin will inherit the kingdom, because he is unclean. But those in Christ no longer have this identity, because they have been washed, sanctified (made holy, set apart unto God), and justified.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ESV

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

* Hymn of Assurance

A mature and discerning evaluation of our sinful estate can be overwhelming, but in this song we proclaim and rejoice in the answer to the burden of our sin.

“Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears”

1. Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father’s grace
Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior’s face
In every page.
2. This is the field where, hidden, lies
The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows
To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

3. This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.

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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

“Biblical Kingdom Ministry” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 3:1-10 ESV

¹ Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³ Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴ And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to

receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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.

“The Royal Charge”

1. The Serpent's head is bruised at last...
The strong man bound, cast out
Now we the victors trample him
And all his armies rout
2. Let us do greater works than Christ
And go out in His name
So peace and righteousness increase
Together with His fame
3. Let us tear ev'ry stronghold down
With weapons from above
Made wise as serpents by His Word
And innocent as doves.
4. Let us take up the cross of love
In hope of Sunday morn
And with sincerity of heart
The gospel word adorn
5. Let us fulfill the royal charge
And meet the beggar's need
Declaring by each word and work
Jesus is Lord indeed

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“My Maker and My King”

1. My Maker and my King,
To Thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow.
2. The creature of Thy hand
On Thee alone I live;
My God, Thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give.
My God, Thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give.
3. Lord, what can I impart
When all is Thine before?
Thy love demands a thankful heart;
The gift, alas! how poor.
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The gift, alas! how poor.
4. O! Let Thy grace inspire
My soul with strength divine;
Let every word and each desire
And all my days be Thine.
Let every word and each desire
And all my days be Thine.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

As did the Israelites of old, we too make offerings to God as part of our worship, and just as they were required to give their best, so are we.

Leviticus 22:21, 29, 31-33 ESV

²¹ And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it. ²⁹ And when you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted. ³¹ “So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the Lord. ³² And you shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel. I am the Lord who sanctifies you, ³³ who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am 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

Just as the lame man arose from his disability and leaped for joy at what Jesus had done for him, worshipping God, so we exhort our own souls to arise with joy, shaking off guilty fears and proclaiming the praise of the One who has redeemed us from sin and made us His own.

* "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

1. Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

CH: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise
2. He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
3. Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"
4. The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;
The Spirit answers to the blood,
The Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God.
5. My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

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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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“Biblical Kingdom Ministry” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 3:1-10

Introduction:

What does biblical kingdom ministry look like?

- I. Biblical kingdom ministry *includes the testimony of Jesus*, vv. 1-6.
 - A. The role of the apostles.

- B. The message of Jesus.

II. Biblical kingdom ministry *empowers the dominion of Jesus, v. 7.*

A. What this man wanted.

B. What this man needed.

- III. Biblical kingdom ministry *enables the worship of Jesus*, vv. 8-10.
 - A. Through sanctification.

- B. Through inspiration.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: