



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 3, 2024

"...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

Call to Worship

*What moves us to worship, to "bow down" and "kneel," is the fact that it is the **great** God and King who draws near, tends the sheep, and carries them in His bosom.*

Psalm 95:1–7b

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Few hymns draw together the transcendent greatness of God as King and His loving, powerful care and provision for His people as beautifully and completely as does this great hymn of praise.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Trinity Hymnal #53)

WE ANOINT A NEW MEMBER WITH THE COVENANT SIGN OF BAPTISM

Instruction on Baptism
Exhortation to Parents
Recitation of the Covenant Promises
Questions to Parents and Congregation
Prayer
Baptism of Asaph Spivey
Concluding Prayer

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Love for God and neighbor are the two great commands, and thus should be the focus of our dedication to God and our lives in Christ.

Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 ^{ESV}

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Leviticus 19:18 ^{ESV}

"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The psalmist in this prayer of confession depends upon the willingness of God to descend in mercy into the mire in which he is trapped, and rescue him, which is the hope of all of us who trust in God to deliver us from our sin through Christ.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Love, oneness (fellowship), and life are all bound together in the Gospel, if we understand it fully.

1 John 4:7–19 ESV

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We exult in the love of our Savior, and thus express our reciprocal love for Him.

"Jesus, Love of My Soul"

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

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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, and 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

(Mike Biggs)

"The Jesus You Can Know (XXII)—'The Model that Glorifies God'"

* John 13:1–30

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 and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

"Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise"

(Trinity Hymnal #54)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

"God so loved the world, that He gave. . . ." So it is out of and as an expression of our love for God that we now give.

John 3:16 ESV

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

"Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me" *(Trinity Hymnal #638)*

Presentation of Offerings *(See Communion)*

* **Doxology** *(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We depart our service with a prayer that God, the only One who can, give us more love for Christ, and thus for Him.

"More Love to Thee, O Christ" *(Trinity Hymnal #649)*

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Jesus You Can Know (XXII)— 'The Model that Glorifies God'" (Mike Biggs)

John 13:1–30

Introduction:

What is Jesus modeling in the example narrated in this passage?

I. Jesus showed the meaning of true *greatness* in washing his disciples's feet.

A. Transcendence and Immanence.

B. Leadership.

II. Jesus showed the meaning of genuine *servanthood* in washing his disciples's feet.

A. Doing what people most avoid.

B. Doing what people most need.

III. Jesus showed the meaning of *life* in washing his disciples's feet.

A. Love as giving.

B. Love as intimacy.

C. Love as life.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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)

CoreValues (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



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