



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, March 20, 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

This psalm calls us to worship based on the juxtaposition of the truths that God is a transcendent and great King and that He cares for and nurtures us as His people. This is the

incredible combination that stirs us to worship, as the psalmist demonstrates.

Psalm 95:1-7b ESV

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

We anticipate the crowning Christ with many crowns, as He is displayed in Revelation 19, with a remembrance of the initiation of the week which culminated in His being crowned with a crown of thorns, an ironic twist that began with the passage we examine today, in which Christ is praised as the Messiah, the King of Israel, by the very people who will soon cry, "Crucify Him!"

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Trinity Hymnal #295)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

The law anticipated that the people would set a king over themselves, but with several stipulations. He was not to be subject to the triad of vices which summarize “the world” according to John (1 John 2: 16): the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the sinful pride of life. He was not to lift up his heart above his brothers, but to be humble. His rule was to be governed by and an expression of the objective written law of God, to which He was to submit himself in obedience. The requirement for God’s people is to seek rule by those who model these stipulations.

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 ^{ESV}

¹⁴ “When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’ ¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’ ¹⁷ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

¹⁸ “And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We speak to our souls as we humbly fall before God and beseech His mercy.

“Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”

*CH: Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
For none can perish there.*

1. Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I.
2. Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to Thee for rest.
3. Be Thou my shield and hiding place,
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him Thou hast died!
4. O wondrous love! To bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead Thy gracious name!
5. “Poor tempest-toss-ed soul, be still;
My promised grace receive;
I’ll work in thee both power and will;
Thou shalt in me believe.”

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We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Jesus, the King who restores our lost kingship, was exalted only after he suffered humiliation. The path to glory was humiliation, but that humiliating death was the very means by which our exaltation back to glory was achieved.

Hebrews 2:5-9 ^{ESV}

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death ^sfor everyone.

Hymn of Assurance

Jesus, the King, identified with sinners in His Passion, and knows the misery and the humiliation of sin. So he comes near to redeem us from our sin and misery, and we celebrate that now.

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners” (Trinity Hymnal #498)

1. Jesus! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

CH: *Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Hallelujah! What a friend!

*Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.*

2. Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

3. Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows o’er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

4. Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

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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

“Behold, Your King!” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Matthew 21:1-11 ESV

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, I the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him

were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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.

“Jesus Shall Reign”

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
'Til moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. For Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.
5. Where He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more:
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.
6. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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“Hail To The Lord's Anointed”

*CH: Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!*

1. He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity.
2. He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
3. To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight.

4. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.
5. Kings shall fall down before Him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing;
6. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever, His Name to us is Love.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

We admit our debt as those who had no hope or worthiness apart from the grace of God, a debt which He paid in His grace, and in this spirit, according to the spirit of this command, we offer the “firstfruits” of what He has enabled us to obtain.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 ESV

¹ “When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

⁵ “And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into

this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.
10 And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which
you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the
Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. 11 And you
shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you
and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is
among you.

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 conclude our worship today by rehearsing the text of Psalm
24, which anticipated Palm Sunday, and which we now use as our
basis to ask King Jesus to enter our lives and reign.*

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!” (Trinity Hymnal #198)

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

March 20, 2016

“Behold, Your King!” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Matthew 21:1-11

Introduction:

What does this passage teach us about King Jesus?

I. The sovereignty of King Jesus is *total*, vv. 1-4.

A. Jesus is *always* in control.

B. The Word of God is *always* true.

II. The sovereignty of King Jesus is *humble*, v. 5.

A. What humility means.

B. How humility blesses.

III. The sovereignty of King Jesus is *inevitable*, vv. 6-11.

A. The crowd's presumptuous misconception.

B. The crowd's unintentional insight.

— **F**or **Y**our **P**ersonal **D**evotions —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: