



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, March 31, 2019

“...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.

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 congregational standing*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

God's people are directed in these words to declare God's glory and tell of His salvation among the nations. This refers to both our public worship and our evangelism, and both are linked, as we worship God when we evangelize and our worship feeds our evangelism.

Psalm 96:1-6 ESV

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
 tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
 his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- 4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
 he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
 but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
 strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We enjoin each other to praise the God who has extended His salvation to all the earth and to all peoples.

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord” (Trinity Hymnal #16)

We AcknoWledge our Sin

* Reading from the Law

This passage is integral to the interpretation of our sermon passage today. It speaks of the Nazirite vow, which was linked to the consecration of warriors in Israel's holy wars. It is thus linked to the holy war in which Christians are engaged today, as we make disciples through the gospel and reclaim territory from Satan's kingdom.

Numbers 6:5-12 ESV

5 "All the days of his vow of separation, no razor shall touch his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the Lord, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of hair of his head grow long. 6 "All the days that he separates himself to the Lord he shall not go near a dead body. 7 Not even for his father or for his mother, for brother or sister, if they die, shall he make himself unclean, because his separation to God is on his head. 8 All the days of his separation he is holy to the Lord. 9 "And if any man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it. 10 On the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two pigeons to the priest to the entrance of the tent of meeting, 11 and the priest shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead body. And he shall consecrate his head that same day 12 and separate himself to the Lord for the days of his separation and bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering. But the previous period shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This plea for mercy includes a prayer for deliverance from enemies, the most formidable of which are the world, the flesh, and the Devil. We are about to see the opposition of all of these in the life of Paul in Acts. It is enough for now to note that deliverance from enemies involves mercy, since we deserve the misery that opposition brings.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 142;Trinity Hymnal p. 837

We rejoice in the Assurance of forgiveness

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Both “the law of the Spirit of Life” and “the law of sin and death” refer to the Law of God. It is the latter to the lost and the former to those who have been saved. It is especially noteworthy that the purpose of that salvation is here represented as the fulfillment of the righteous requirements of the law.

Romans 8:1-4 ESV

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the gospel by singing William Cowper's beautiful expression of the results of Christ's obedience: our joyful conformity to God's Law.

“Love Constraining to Obedience”

CH: *To see the Law by Christ fulfilled,
To hear His pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child
And duty into choice.*

1. No strength of nature can suffice
To serve the Lord aright
And what she has, she misapplies,
For want of clearer light.
2. How long beneath the Law I lay
In bondage and distress
I toiled the precept to obey,
But toiled without success.
3. Then to abstain from outward sin
Was more than I could do
Now if I feel its power within
I feel I hate it too.
4. Then all my servile works were done,
A righteousness to raise
Now, freely chosen in the Son,
I freely choose His ways.

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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. 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

“Important Clarifications of Gospel Ministry” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 21:17-26 ESV

¹⁷ When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. ¹⁸ On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. ¹⁹ After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. ²⁰ And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, ²¹ and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. ²² What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. ²³ Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; ²⁴ take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. ²⁵ But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.”

²⁶ Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

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.

“Arise O God and Shine”

1. Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know.
2. Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
And govern by Thy righteous laws.
3. Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
And fill the world with righteousness.
4. To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Our offerings in worship are the expression of a more comprehensive and deeper worship: the offering of ourselves and our bodies to God to serve His will.

Romans 12:1 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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's worship affirming once again that trust in God and obedience to His law go hand in hand, and together are the essence of both a proper and a blessed relationship to God.

* “Trust and Obey” (Trinity Hymnal #672)

Benediction