



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, April 25, 2021

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."

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— ORDER OF WORSHIP —

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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

Prelude

Call to Worship

This psalm sets in juxtaposition the two qualities of God essential to the Covenant: transcendence and immanence. We will see why understanding these is so important for a proper relationship with God.

Psalm 95:1–7a ^{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 begin our worship by praising God for His transcendent holiness, which should provoke in us a healthy fear and awe of Him.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(Trinity Hymnal #100)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We are commanded not to forget the Lord, especially who He has revealed Himself to be in His dealings with His people. This suggests the imperative to maintain a constant awareness of certain features of our covenant relationship with Him, as we will see in today's sermon.

Deuteronomy 8:11–20 ESV

Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This appeal for mercy flows from two specific understandings relevant to the theme of our service today: the fact that God is our Master at whose discretion is the dispensation of any blessings we receive, and the fact that our identity as His people is incompatible with the abusive contempt of the arrogant wicked.

Responsive reading, Psalm 123

(Trinity Hymnal p. 831)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Since we have been transferred from darkness to light and have received mercy in Christ, we too share in the same glorious identity proclaimed by God as the exclusive possession of Israel, the covenant people, of which we are a part by faith.

1 Peter 2:9, 10 ^{ESV}

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Jesus, as the Lord of the New Covenant, brings together all the attributes of the God of the Covenant, especially the truth and righteousness which can threaten sinners and so terrified Israel at Sinai, and the mercy displayed in His deliverance of them from slavery in Egypt, His "carrying them on eagles' wings and bringing them to [Himself]."

"Jesus, the Lord, My Savior Is"

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.
 2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.
- CHORUS: Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.
3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.
 4. Worthy the Lamb, shall be my song,
For He for me was slain;
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, Amen. *(Repeat chorus)*
(Repeat verse 1)

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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

"Orientation to Covenant VIII: Covenant Context"

(Mike Biggs)

* Exodus 19

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.

"O God, Most Holy Are Your Ways"

(Trinity Hymnal #39)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Because we were redeemed (purchased) by God, we belong to Him as the Lord and owe Him tribute, which we bring when we formally present our tithes and offerings to Him.

I Corinthians 6:19, 20 ^{ESV}

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

(Trinity Hymnal #432)

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 sing as we close our worship of Christ as the only Mediator between God and man, to the familiar tune of "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

"Thou Art the Way"

(Trinity Hymnal #154)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

April 25, 2021

"Orientation to Covenant VIII: Covenant Context"

Exodus 19

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What must we remember as we enter into and walk with God in covenant relationship?

I. We must remain aware of *the unique identity of members in the Covenant*, vv. 1–8.

A. A privileged identity.

B. A responsible identity

II. We must remain aware of the transcendent holiness of God in the Covenant, vv. 9–20.

A. The priority of God's lordship.

B. The folly of presumptuous familiarity.

III. We must remain aware of the absolute necessity for mediation in the Covenant, vv. 21–25.

A. The danger to us.

B. The way to God.

— **FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: