



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 30, 2023

"...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

We are called to worship God because of His awesome deeds, deeds which include His powerful salvation of all who in faith call upon Him.

Psalm 66:1-3 ESV

- ¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
- ² sing the glory of his name;
 give to him glorious praise!
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
 So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise our Lord Jesus in this hymn for His loving care for us in all of life, echoing Psalm 23.

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Trinity Hymnal #184)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God commands that our submission and obedience, even our coming to Him, not be forced or difficult, but willing and immediate, a posture which blesses us.

Psalm 32:9 ESV

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
 which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
 or it will not stay near you.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession highlights the sense of desperate need out of which our appeal to God for mercy springs.

Responsive reading, Psalm 142

(Trinity Hymnal p. 837)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The gospel is all about God's initiative-taking rescue of those who were spiritually dead and helpless through the powerful transformative working of His grace, which changes our hearts and inclines us to seek and trust Him.

Ephesians 2:1–10 ESV

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate our rest in the only One who could save us, whose work is sufficient and thus gives us rest from all our striving for acceptance by God.

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

(Trinity Hymnal # 188)

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

(Scott Morris)

"Our Reluctance and God's Rescue"

* Jonah 1:1-17

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.

"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

(Trinity Hymnal #429)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our offerings to God in the context of formal worship are, like those of the psalmist, expressions of our gratitude for His saving us when we were in desperate need.

Psalm 116:5–9, 12–14 ESV

- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- 6 The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;
- 9 I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹² What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

"How Good It Is to Thank the Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #635)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship expressing our love to the Savior who has rescued us from death.

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #648)

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)

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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