



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, May 15, 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 is about Jerusalem, but its fulfillment is found in the Church, the New Jerusalem, the true Temple. It speaks of the various blessings that attend those who ascend to Jerusalem in this sense, assembling as Israel has done since the decree of the Lord to ascend to His Temple in periodic worship and thanksgiving (Leviticus 23:3; Deuteronomy 12; II Corinthians 16:1, 2).

Psalm 122 ^{ESV}

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
- 2 Our feet have been standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- 3 Jerusalem—built as a city
 that is bound firmly together,
- 4 to which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord,
 as was decreed for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 There thrones for judgment were set,
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
 “May they be secure who love you!”
- 7 Peace be within your walls
 and security within your towers!”
- 8 For my brothers and companions’ sake
 I will say, “Peace be within you!”
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
 I will seek your good.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

We praise God and invoke His presence as His people in this hymn, in which we celebrate His constitution and blessing of us as His chosen people, the Church.

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (Trinity Hymnal #342)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

The importance of the place that God has ordained in this passage translates to the importance of involvement with and commitment to what that place (which refers in the Old Testament to the Temple in Jerusalem) ultimately represents: the Church and its people, in which the Spirit of God now dwells, and in the midst of whom each individual enjoys the experience of His presence. We are commanded to seek this experience only there, in that context.

Deuteronomy 12:1-14 ^{ESV}

¹ “These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. ² You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. ³ You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. ⁴ You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way. ⁵ But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, ⁶ and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. ⁷ And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

8 “You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, 9 for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your God is giving you. 10 But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, 11 then to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the Lord. 12 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you. 13 Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, 14 but at the place that the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this hymn we express our godly sorrow and our faith in the One who has bought us, and entreat God to let us find Him, knowing from what we have already seen in this service that we find Him in His people, the very place we find ourselves now.

“Let Me Find Thee”

1. Behold me here, in grief draw near,
Pleading at Thy throne oh King.
To Thee each tear, each trembling fear,
Jesus Son of Man I bring.
Let me find Thee, Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee, Lord of mercy King of grace.
2. Look down in love, and from above,
With Thy Spirit satisfy.
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,
And thy purchase Lord am I.
Let me find Thee, Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee, Here on earth and then on high.

3. Hear the broken, scarcely spoken,
Longings of my heart to thee
All the crying, all the sighing, Of Thy child accepted be.
Let me find Thee, Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee, Wounded healer, suffering Lord.

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We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our baptism into Christ was a baptism into His body, which has united us not only to Him, but also to everyone else who is united to Him, giving us a common identity and a common inheritance.

Galatians 3:25-4:7 ESV

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Hymn of Assurance

This hymn provides the substance in song by which we celebrate the basis of our mutual salvation hope: our union with Christ and with His body, the Church.

“The Church’s One Foundation”

1. The church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. The church shall never perish, Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, She ever shall prevail
5. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.
6. Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

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

“The New People’s Life, Part IX: The Essence of True Community”
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 6:21, 22 ^{ESV}

²¹ So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing,
Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell
you everything.

²² I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know
how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

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, (*or universal)
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy
foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which he gives them when they pray.
4. Saviour, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in the Name:
Fading is the worlding's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Zion's children know.

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“Jesus with Thy Church Abide”

1. Jesus, with Thy church abide;
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
4. May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

This verse records how the people rejoiced in giving willingly to contribute to the building of the Temple under David and Solomon. We now should give willingly as well, rejoicing in our willing participation in the building of Christ's new Temple, the Church.

I Chronicles 29:9 ESV

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

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 close our worship today celebrating the bond that produces true community, the communion of the saints for all eternity.

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Trinity Hymnal #359)

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

SERMON NOTES

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“The New People’s Life, Part IX: The Essence of True Community”
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Ephesians 6:21, 22

Introduction:

What do God’s new people have in common which they must appreciate and apply in order fully to experience the communion of the saints?

I. God’s people share a common *bond*.

A. Mutual affection.

B. Mutual concern.

II. God's people share a common *mission*.

A. Necessitating mutual *support*.

B. Necessitating mutual *communication*.

III. God's people share a common *hope*.

A. God never ceases working.

B. We always need reminding.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: