



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, May 17, 2020

"...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

This call to worship is from one of the psalms of ascent, about which we will be speaking in today's sermon. These psalms were sung as God's people would ascend to the Temple at Jerusalem to worship God on their holy days. It was a call to those who served in the Temple (priests, Levites) to bless the Lord. Since we have been given status as priests through our unity with Christ, and since we constitute the new and fulfilled Temple through the Spirit of God who now dwells in us, this is a call ultimately to us as Christians.

Psalm 134:1,2 ESV

- ¹ Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
- ² Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

The theme of this psalm, delight in the City of God's dwelling, Jerusalem, the ultimate fulfillment and expression of which is the Church, is a fitting hymn of praise for the Sunday of our reunion and the resumption of our gathering together as the People of God.

Psalm 122

(Hymn of the Month; Psalter Project)

CH: ¹ I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

¹ I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

² Our feet were standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem, built as a city firmly bound as one,

⁴ To which the tribes, the tribes of the LORD, go up —

A decree for Israel — to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵ For the thrones there for judgment sit: thrones for David's house!

CHORUS

⁶ Pray now that peace may be upon Jerusalem!

May those who cherish you have full security.

⁷ Peace be within your walls, safety in your towers.

⁸ For my friends' and brothers' sake, I'll say, "Peace be in you."

⁹ For the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good!

Chorus x2

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WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The place that God ordained for the corporate worship of Israel, the Temple at Jerusalem, was important because it symbolized the unity of the diverse tribes which God had brought together as His people. Likewise, as a fulfillment, the commitment of God's people to the Church is a mark of their recognition and enjoyment of what He has done in bringing them, a diverse and far-flung people, together in one body united in Christ.

Deuteronomy 12:1-18 ^{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.

¹⁵ "However, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your towns, as much as you desire, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. The unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle and as of the deer. ¹⁶ Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it out on the earth like water. ¹⁷ You may not eat within your towns the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, or any of your vow offerings that you vow, or your freewill offerings or the contribution that you present, ¹⁸ but you shall eat them before the LORD your God in the place that the LORD your God will choose, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your towns. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all that you undertake.

Silent Confession of Sin **Corporate Confession of Sin**

We employ another psalm of ascent as a fitting expression of confession and appeal for forgiveness, looking to God and the place of atonement fulfilled in Jesus's work in Jerusalem, just as pilgrims looked at Jerusalem in hope as they approached it.

Responsive reading, Psalm 123

(Trinity Hymnal p. 831)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our hope is in our presence in the true and spiritual Jerusalem, the Church, to which we have come if our faith is in Jesus, the mediator of the New Covenant.

Hebrews 12:22-24 ^{ESV}

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We express our joy at the church which Christ has established in this great hymn of faith.

"We Are God's People"

(Trinity Hymnal #355)

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

"Enjoying God through the Church"

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Psalm 122

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.

"How Sweet and Awesome is the Place"

(Trinity Hymnal #469)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

This vision of the heavenly Jerusalem is a picture of the New Covenant Church. Its fulfillment is already underway, but incomplete until the final consummation of the New Heavens and New Earth. The reference to the glory of the nations being brought into it has already begun as Gentiles have been and are being included in the people of God (the New Jerusalem), in fulfillment of Haggai 2:1-9, which says that "the treasures of all nations shall come in,..." followed by a declaration that the silver and gold are His. We are a literal part of the fulfillment of these prophecies when we present our treasure to the Lord as part of our worship of Him in our assembly as the Church.

Revelation 21:22-27 ^{ESV}

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into

it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

See Communion Hymn

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 proclaiming both the preeminence of
Jesus Christ and the glory of the Church He bought with His blood.*

*** "The Church's One Foundation!"**

(Trinity Hymnal #347)

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?

COMMUNITY

Next Meeting of the Session

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

The Session (the board of elders governing and shepherding our church) ordinarily holds stated meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, barring any unavoidable conflicts, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Taylor home. Other called meetings as needed are scheduled at various times. Anyone is welcome to attend stated meetings (advance notice of attendance is appreciated). For attendance at called meetings advance request of at least two days is required by emailing the church office at office@ctknorman.org. The minutes of Session meetings are available for review at the church office upon request.

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Adult Christian Education is currently being conducted over Zoom.
Please watch your email for information and links to Zoom meetings.

Nursery Staff • ~~10:30 am – 12:00 pm (times are approximate)~~

- This Week (May 17, 2020) – Nursery currently closed
- Next Week (May 24, 2020) – Nursery currently closed

Sunday Worship Service • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (times are approximate)

NEWS

Quote of the Week

“We will never change the world by going to church; we will only change the world by being the Church.”

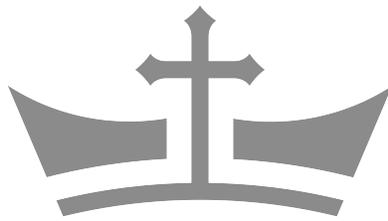
— *Marissa Baker*

Announcements

- Early this week, find the next bulletin on sermonaudio.com. Search for Christ the King Presbyterian and click on "PDF", just above the most recent audio file.
- As a means of continuing the protection and care of our members, we will not be hosting the coffee table for a few weeks as it's a "high touch" area. Feel free to bring your own coffee!
- The commencement of Mike's upcoming blog has been delayed due to technical issues. Our church site, <http://ctknorman.org>, will provide the direct link once it is live. At that point, you are encouraged to access the content from there. We'll announce here when it's ready.

Church Volunteers. Looking for an opportunity to serve? Please talk to the following people if you can help:

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| Building | Tony Sawyer (405.512.4397, anthony_sawyer@hotmail.com) |
| Music | Tyler Cowden (816.419.4227) |
| Nursery | Sara McPherson (405.664.7708) |
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