



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, May 27, 2018

“...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.

** Indicates congregational standing*

Prelude

Call to Worship

The understood audience of this call are the priests and Levites who “stood by night” (i.e., ministered) in the Temple, serving as intermediaries between God and men. We who proclaim the gospel of Christ stand as intermediaries between God and man as well, and thus we are called “priests” as well (I Peter 2:9; II Corinthians 5:18-20). The holiness required of priests is therefore also incumbent upon us.

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 God we worship is holy, set apart from sin.

“Holy, Holy, Holy!” (Trinity Hymnal #100)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

Because God is holy, we are to be holy, separated from the sinfulness of the world around us, thus manifesting His undefiled character to the world.

Leviticus 20:26 ESV

You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Like many of the prayers for forgiveness and mercy in the psalms, this prayer mentions deliverance from enemies, who typically want to discredit and impugn the psalmist because of his sins. In response the psalmist prays that his enemies might be silenced, implying the prayer that God would justify him.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 143; Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838

We Rejoice in the Assurance of forgiveness

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Holiness is the purpose for which Christ died for us, and it is the evidence that we are indeed justified and forgiven.

Colossians 1:21, 22 ESV

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

* Hymn of Assurance

It is the fact of God's grace and love that inspires our obedience and holiness. This is why holiness is the mark of true Christianity.

“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.

We Pray for Each Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

Sermon

“The Appearance of Evil” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 16:16-24, 35-40 ESV

¹⁶As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, “Let those men go.” ²⁶And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace.” ²⁷But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out.” ²⁸The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. ²⁹So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. ³⁰So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

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.

"To Dwell with God" Psalm 15

CH: O LORD, who may draw near
And make his home in your tent?
O who, who is able
To dwell on your holy hill?

1. He who is blameless; he who does right;
He who speaks truth in his heart.
He does not slander men with his tongue
He does his neighbor no harm. (*Chorus*)
2. He will not bring shame to his friend.
His eyes despise worthless men,
He exalts those who fear the LORD.
He swears to his hurt; he won't change! (*Chorus*)
3. He does not ask for more in return
When he gives someone a loan.
He takes no bribe against honest men.
Whoever does this won't be moved! (*Chorus x2*)

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Offering Meditation

Public offerings are part of formal, public worship because through them we honor the Lord as holy and worthy of our tribute.

Psalm 96:8 ESV

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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 leave today with a humble prayer for wisdom and guidance as we strive to serve God with our lives.

*“Father, I Know That All My Life” (Trinity Hymnal #559)

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?

SERMON NOTES

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“The Appearance of Evil” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 16:16-24, 35-40

Introduction:

How do we avoid the “appearance of evil” trap as we proclaim the gospel?

- I. We must *avoid association with evil*, vv 16-18.
 - A. The validation of evil.

- B. The invalidation of good.

- II. We must *prepare for the world's slander*, vv. 19-24.
 - A. The motivation.

B. The means.

- III. We must *vigorously defend our reputation*, vv. 35-40.
 - A. The issue involved.

- B. The method employed.

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: