



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, May 6, 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

Notice the centrality of the concept of covenant to this psalm of praise, as well as the statement that God has given the inheritance of the nations to His people, thus linking it to mission.

Psalm 111 ^{ESV}

1 Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

8 they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who not only rules over all the nations, but who also puts them under us and draws the princes of the earth to participate in His covenant (verse 5).

“Rejoice, All People, Homage Give” (Trinity Hymnal #73)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

God takes recognition of His covenant very seriously, especially the recognition that, because we are professing believers in Him, our children are members of the covenant and must be recognized and regarded as holy because of it. The application of covenant signs is very important to God and should be to us as well.

Exodus 4:24-27 ^{ESV}

²⁴At a lodging place on the way the Lord met him and sought to put him to death. ²⁵Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it and said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!" ²⁶So he let him alone. It was then that she said, "A bridegroom of blood," because of the circumcision.

²⁷The Lord said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him at the mountain of God and kissed him.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We acknowledge the weakness of our faith in depending upon the God who is with us (Jesus), but in faith rely on the fact that even weak faith is sufficient to be the means whereby He saves and heals us.

“Heal Us, Emmanuel”

*CH: Heal us, Emmanuel, here we stand
Waiting to feel Thy touch
To deep wounded souls reach forth Thy hand
Oh Savior, we are such*

1. Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!
2. Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried;
“O help my unbelief!”
3. She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole.”
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

This proclamation of the gospel contains several concepts prominent in our sermon today: proclamation, baptism, and the sovereignty of Christ.

I Peter 3:18-22 ^{ESV}

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

* Hymn of Assurance

We sing of covenant mercy as we celebrate the love of our God in Christ.

"A Debtor to Mercy Alone"

- I. A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

2. The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.
3. My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

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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

“Covenantal Missiology” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 16:11-15 ESV

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

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 Awful Is the Place"

1. How sweet and awful is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.
2. While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues,
"Lord, why was I a guest?"
3. "Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
And enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?"

4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.
5. Pity the nations, O our God,
Constrain the earth to come;
Send Thy victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see Thy churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Being in covenant relationship to God involves our presenting to Him offerings in the context of public worship. This is, among other things, a visible token of the fact that we are His servants, who have become such because of his redemption of us from slavery (“...you have loosed my bonds.”)

Psalm 116:16-19 ^{ESV}

- ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

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 depart today with a prayer on our lips for God to revive His Church (including us!) so that we might be His instrument to impart life to a dying world, visualized in Paul's vision of the man of Macedonia pleading for help.

* "Macedonia" (Trinity Hymnal #452)

Presentation of Mercy Ministry Offerings

(during hymn)

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

May 6, 2018

“Covenantal Missiology” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Acts 16:11-15

Introduction:

How does the Covenant of Grace inform our commission to extend God's Kingdom?

I. We are to extend the Kingdom through covenant connections,
vv 11-13.

A. Spheres of influence.

B. Consolidation of community.

- II. We are to extend the Kingdom through covenant proclamation, vv. 13, 14.
 - A. The outward call.

B. The inward call.

III. We are to extend the Kingdom through covenant nurture,
v. 15.

A. Recognition of covenant membership.

B. Commitment to covenant obligations.

~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: