



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2021

"...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

Prelude

Call to Worship

Exalting the Lord is what the First Commandment is all about.

Psalm 99:1–5 ESV

- ¹ The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!
- ⁴ The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

"All idols under foot be trod; 'the Lord is God! The Lord is God!'" is the cry of all who know God in truth and have experienced His glory. May it be our cry now as we sing.

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This passage demonstrates how respect for God as God motivates and stands behind all of His commandments and the motivation to keep them.

Deuteronomy 5:22–33 ^{ESV}

"These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.²³ And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders.²⁴ And you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live.²⁵ Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die.²⁶ For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived?'²⁷ Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say, and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.'

²⁸ "And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken.²⁹ Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!'³⁰ Go and say to them, "Return to your tents."³¹ But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.'³² You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.³³ You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The evil from which the psalmist here prays for deliverance, to which His heart he dreads being drawn, is fundamentally the attraction to idols, which can be treacherously alluring.

Responsive reading, Psalm 141

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 836–837)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The simplest summary of the gospel is this: Jesus is Lord! This is, among other things, an affirmation not only that He is God, but that He is **our** God. The one and only God, who created all things, did something analogous to what He did in creating light when He enlightened us to know Christ as our Lord and God, and be saved.*

2 Corinthians 4:5, 6 ^{ESV}

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the beauty of this Jesus who is both Lord and Savior, acknowledging Him as our only God and King, thereby both expressing and rejoicing in the gospel.

"Jesus, the Lord, my Savior Is"

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.
 2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.
- CHORUS: Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.
3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies Ill proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.
 4. Worthy the Lamb, shall be my song,
For He for me was slain;
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, Amen. *(Repeat chorus)*

(Repeat verse 1)

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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

(Mike Biggs)

"The Book of the Covenant II: The Pearl of Great Price"

* Exodus 20:2, 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 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.

"We Rejoice to Thee of Thee"

1. A guilty conscience paralyzeth; my debt of sin I can't afford
I do not want a bare forgiveness, but rather Thy acceptance, Lord
Christ came and bore my guilt for me; His precious blood did He out-pour
I know by Thy New Covenant promise Thou dost remember sins no more
2. A heart of stone hath no life in it, and is deceitful to the core
I do not want to have new birth, unless Thou art my Father, Lord
Christ hath arisen from the dead, released me from sin's fatal cords
Now freely do I come receive Him; as Thine own child I am restored

Chorus

We esteem Thy every mercy for which we have Thee to thank
We glory in Thy great gifts but we love Thee for Thine own sake
We rejoice to Thee of Thee, dearest Treasure of our heart
For only they are truly happy whose joy Thou Thyself art

3. Though I am free to love the Law now, sin lieth closely at my door
I do not want an Advocate, unless it's Jesus Christ the Lord
Christ hath ascended into heaven'--a crown and throne His just reward
And I have perfect comfort in His intercess'ry plea and word
(Chorus)
4. Though I'm redeemed, I'll face death's hour; this vessel curs-ed from before
I do not want to live forever; unless to live with Thee, my Lord
Christ shall return to raise the dead; He bringeth judgment and reward
With trumpet blast He'll finish all things and vanquish death
forevermore (Chorus)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Giving generously is one way we demonstrate that God, not anything or anyone else, is the One in whom we trust and whom we love ultimately.

Matthew 6:19–24 ESV

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

"We Rejoice to Thee of Thee"

(See Communion)

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 from worship today with an admonition to each other to worship the only true King in and with all of our lives.

"O Worship the King"

(Trinity Hymnal #2)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

May 9, 2021

"The Book of the Covenant II: The Pearl of Great Price"

Exodus 20:2, 17

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

How should we understand the first and tenth commandments?

I. We must commit ourselves to the *preeminence of God's being.*

A. The meaning of Deity.

B. The sacredness of all.

C. The opposite of idolatry.

II. We must avoid the *profaning of God's preeminence*.

A. The gods of our culture.

B. The importance of our affections.

III. We must pursue the *recognition of God's preeminence*.

A. Glorifying God.

B. Enjoying God.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: