



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, June 12, 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

The knowledge of God the Maker's intimate care for us, His sheep, motivates us to worship Him from the heart.

Psalm 95:6, 7 ^{ESV}

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

This hymn moves from praising God as the Creator of all things to praising His presence and constant care, the focus of our service today.

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God” (Trinity Hymnal #119)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

Loving God supremely is the most important obligation of every human being. That love is expressed primarily in obedience to God’s law and thinking about it in every situation and with reference to everything in life, which is the same as acknowledging God as related to everything and always present. It is what living life “before God” means.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ^{ESV}

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The failure to acknowledge God and live unto him is an essential feature of our sin. We live unto ourselves in self-centeredness rather than God-centeredness, for which we were created. To confess this is to confess the heart of what offends God in us, and repentance from this moves us toward the essence of true life, which is intimacy with God.

Corporate Confession: O Most merciful Father, Who gives life to everything that breathes and Whose eyes are too pure to gaze upon iniquity, we lay before You our sin and uncleanness in utter shame and humiliation. In direct defiance of our continuing debt to live unto You, acknowledge You, serve You and obey You, we have turned into ourselves and to our own way, pursuing our own ends as if we could create our own meaning, so rendering ourselves liable to Your just wrath and the penalty of death. We despise our ways, but confess that we are utterly powerless to change them or to please You truly to any degree. But we remember that You have declared Yourself to be the gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. We thus cast ourselves upon Your mercy, believing Your precious promise that those who come to You, You will in no wise cast out. We know and trust that, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, You will not only forgive both our sins and our sin, but also grant us power like unto that by which You raised Him from the dead to walk in newness of life, not for the sake of any merit which we obtain thereby, but solely for the glory of the Name which is above every name, in which we offer this our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God knows everything, including our hearts, and better than we know our own hearts. Love for God is evidenced by our commitment to obedience, as we have seen. “Abiding in God” means living in constant awareness of God and His will, which is simply an acknowledgement of reality: God’s presence and His relation to everything in life. The fundamental command, the one that puts us in a right relationship to God, is to believe in Jesus.

1 John 3:19-24 ESV

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Hymn of Assurance

This hymn celebrates the fact that Jesus is “with us” in all of the challenges that life presents, reflecting the theme of our service, and expressed in the words with which the repeated refrain ends, “He is with me to the end.”

“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” (Trinity Hymnal #498)

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 Joys and Challenges of Ultimate Intimacy” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Psalm 139^{ESV}

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.
13 For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.
17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.
19 Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!
O men of blood, depart from me!
20 They speak against you with malicious intent;
your enemies take your name in vain.
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
22 I hate them with complete hatred;
I count them my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

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.

“Jesus, I Come”

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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“To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue”

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue Its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face And on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace And all His triumphs tell
2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned Upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned His lips with grace overflow
No mortal can with Him compare Among the sons of men
Fairer He is than all the fair That fill the Heavenly train

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

The 24 elders, who represent the Church, “cast their crowns [which they have been given by God] before the throne” in an act of worship inspired by their acknowledgement that God created all things, including them. Likewise, we in our worship “cast our crowns” before God as we present to Him part of that with which he has gifted us in His grace.

Revelation 4:8-11 ESV

⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

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

As we have heard, a proper appropriation of intimacy with God is openness to His scrutiny and submission to His guidance, which we now express in our final hymn before we leave.

“He Leadeth Me” (Trinity Hymnal #600)

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 Joys and Challenges of Ultimate Intimacy”
(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Psalm 139

Introduction:

How should worship relate to intimacy with God?

I. We must *acknowledge the inevitability* of intimacy with God, vv. 1-12.

A. God’s knowledge of us.

B. God’s presence with us.

II. We must *appreciate the foundation* of intimacy with God, vv. 13-16.

A. God as Designer.

B. God as Overseer.

III. We must *appropriate the experience* of intimacy with God, vv. 17-24.

A. Appreciating His attention.

B. Opposing His enemies.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: