



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, July 2, 2017

“...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ...”



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*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*

*We Approach the Lord*

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Prelude

Call to Worship

*God's people are in this psalm enjoined not simply to praise God, but to declare His praise "among the nations," that is, those who do not know God. Thus our "official" worship here today is but a token and a rehearsal of the worship we must render to God at all times, especially in our testimony to those who do not know or acknowledge Him.*

Psalm 96 <sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- 4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- 9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!
- 10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- 12 let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- 13 before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise God in our opening hymn today for His sovereignty, including that by which He not only puts the nations under us, but also calls us to make His praise known to them (verse 4), since He reigns over them whether they realize it or not.*

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

## We Acknowledge Our Sin

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### \* Reading from the Law

*The command here, as it is so often in the book of Deuteronomy, is to know something, in this case, to know that our righteousness is not the cause of God’s goodness to us or of our special status before Him. Rather, it is God’s mercy, God’s intention, and God’s action that sets us apart from those who are not His people. What is essentially commanded here is humility when we compare ourselves to unbelievers.*

Deuteronomy 9:4-6 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>4</sup>“Do not say in your heart, after the Lord your God has thrust them out before you, ‘It is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to possess this land,’ whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out before you. <sup>5</sup>Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. <sup>6</sup>“Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*This confessional prayer sounds very much like the prayer which Jonah prays from the belly of the fish, which we will consider next week. Note also the hope expressed for the eventual worship of God by the nations, presumably brought about by the repentant witness the psalmist and others like him present to them, which in part motivates his prayer.*

Responsive Reading, Psalm 86; Trinity Hymnal pp. 814-815

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Our status was that we were spiritually dead (helpless!) in our sin, craving more sin and rebellion, constantly carrying it out, following Satan (whether we knew it or not), and thus being liable to God's awesome wrath and punishment, until God did something about it. And what He has done is all that can be or ever needs to be done. This is the gospel! Hallelujah!*

Ephesians 2:1-9 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

\* Hymn of Assurance

*We respond to the good news with a sung prayer that God will give us the humility that only a powerfully clear understanding of God's grace in the gospel can produce.*

“Jesus Cast a Look on Me”

1. Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know
2. All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet
3. Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might
4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood
5. In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

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We prAy for eAch Other

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Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

“Corrections to Our Perspective on the World” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Jonah 1:4-16 ESV

<sup>4</sup> But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup> So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.” <sup>7</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” <sup>10</sup> Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them. <sup>11</sup> Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup> He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore they called out to the Lord, “O Lord, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” <sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

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, 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.*



“Give Reviving”

1. Father for Thy, promised blessing,  
Still we plead before Thy throne  
For the times of, sweet refreshing,  
Which can come from Thee alone  
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given,  
But in these we would not rest  
Blessings still with, Thee are hidden,  
Pour them forth and make us blest!
2. Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever,  
Answer! Father, answer prayer  
Bless oh bless each, weak endeavor,  
Blood-bought pardon to declare  
Wake Thy slumbering, children wake them,  
Bid them to Thy harvest go  
Blessings O our, Father make,  
Round their steps let blessings flow
3. Let no people be forgotten,  
Let Thy showers on all descend  
That in one loud blessed anthem,  
Millions may in triumph blend  
Give reviving, give refreshing,  
Give the looked-for Jubilee  
To Thyself may, crowds be pressing,  
Bringing glory unto Thee

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Give the looked-for Jubilee  
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Bringing glory unto Thee*

### Offering Meditation

*The presentation of offerings to God as a visible and public part of our worship is sometimes seen as undesirable because it is viewed as haughty and bringing attention to ourselves. The psalmist here indicates by his declared intention that exactly the opposite is the case. He pays his vows “in the presence of all his people” and “in the courts of the house of the Lord” precisely to demonstrate the goodness of the Lord to him, not his own goodness.*

Psalm 116:17-19 <sup>ESV</sup>

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 close our worship today declaring our joyful hope and expectation of the realization of that which God has promised and will certainly accomplish: that God will bring all the nations to Himself to join in His praise, and will do it through Zion, which is us.*

\*“Zion, Founded on the Mountains” (Trinity Hymnal #436)

Presentation of Mercy Ministry Offerings

(during hymn)

Benediction

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# VISION

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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?***

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# SERMON NOTES

July 2, 2017

“Corrections to Our Perspective on the World” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

Jonah 1:4-16

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Introduction:

*What adjustments in our attitude toward the world are needed to orient us properly for our mission to it?*

- I. We need to understand our *responsibility* for the spiritual *plight* of the world.
  - A. The responsibility of duty.

- B. The responsibility of discipline.

II. We need to understand our *solidarity* with the spiritual *bankruptcy* of the world.

A. In order to reject the delusion of superiority.

B. In order to communicate the message of mercy.

- III. We need to understand our *participation* in the spiritual *conversion* of the world,
  - A. The sovereignty of a merciful God.

- B. The tragedy of a lost opportunity.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: