



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, July 26, 2020

"...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.

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

Prelude

Call to Worship

In this psalm David invites the congregation to join him in praising the LORD. He speaks of the deliverance he has himself experienced, leading to a reflection on God's watchful care over each of his people and an exhortation to walk in righteousness.

Psalm 34:1-3 ESV

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

This hymn answers the call to worship in Psalm 34 by bringing God praise for guiding us through life's storms, looking forward to his continued protection.

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (Trinity Hymn.#97)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Here, as often elsewhere, we see in Paul's description of what we once were the very sins we are prone to fall back into when we do not walk in the Spirit.

Titus 3:1-3 ESV

¹ Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Together we confess our sins and ask that God would grant us help to walk in holiness, as he has promised.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to**

have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In speaking of the sinfulness of what we once were, and enjoining us to walk in righteousness, Paul offers a pointed and beautiful reminder of the grace of God poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Titus 3:4–8 ^{ESV}

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We proclaim our confidence in Christ alone as we celebrate what He has accomplished for us.

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

(Trinity Hymnal #461)

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

"The Lord is Your Keeper"

(Tony Pyles)

* Psalm 121

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

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)

Offering Meditation

As our cup of blessing overflows, so let us pour out an overflow of offering in thanksgiving.

Exodus 36:2–7 ^{ESV}

² And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work.³ And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning,⁴ so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing,⁵ and said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do."⁶ So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, "Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing,⁷ for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.

"I Lift Up My Eyes"

(Psalter Project)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains,
But what is the source of my aid?
My help can be found only with the LORD;
Both heaven and earth he has made.

He never allows for your foot to slip;
Your keeper does not go to sleep.
See now that the keeper of Israel,
He never will slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; on your right hand
The LORD as your shade covers you.
The sun will not strike you throughout the day,
And neither at night will the moon.

From all that is evil the LORD keeps you;
Your life he will surely keep safe.
Both your going out and your coming in
The LORD will keep now and always.
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Presentation of Offerings

* **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

This closing hymn expresses a faith that turns and faces trials in the full confidence of God's righteousness and loving care for his children.

* "Whate'er My God Ordains is Right"

1. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
 Holy His will abideth.
 I will be still whate'er He does,
 And follow where He guideth.
 He is my God,
 Though dark my road.
 He holds me that I shall not fall
 Wherefore to Him I leave it all

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
 He never will deceive me
 He leads me by the proper path,
 I know He will not leave me
 I take, content,
 What He hath sent
 His hand can turn my griefs away
 And patiently I wait His day

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
 Though now this cup in drinking
 May bitter seem to my faint heart,
 I take it all unshrinking
 My God is true,
 Each morn anew
 Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart
 And pain and sorrow shall depart

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken
My Father's care
Is round me there
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all

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Benediction