



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, July 17, 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 beginning of this psalm calls on us to worship God as the one who hears our prayers and forgives our sins. The remainder of the psalm continues to reflect on how God cares for his people and his creation, which both turn to him in praise.

Psalm 65:1–4 ^{ESV}

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.
- 2 O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.
- 3 When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.
- 4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

“Jesus Shall Reign” (Trinity Hymnal #441)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

Reading from the Law

We, like the Israelites, hear God’s law in the context of the covenant relationship he has established with us. In portraying what gospel obedience looks like, it also serves to convict us of our sin and point us to our continual need of forgiveness.

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ “You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ “You shall not murder. ¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ “You shall not steal. ¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our sin together using this adaptation of Psalm 51.

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the
snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

John makes clear that if we think ourselves sinless we are liars; and yet, God has provided for our need of forgiveness through the blood of Jesus his Son.

1 John 1:9 ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn of Assurance

This adaptation of Psalm 103 celebrates our forgiveness by channeling our gratitude into praise.

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (Trinity Hymnal #76)

We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sermon

“Praying in the Dark” (Tony Pyles)

Psalm 88^{ESV}

- 1 O LORD, God of my salvation;
I cry out day and night before you.
- 2 Let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry!
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am a man who has no strength,
- 5 like one set loose among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 6 You have put me in the depths of the pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
- 7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Selah
- 8 You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
- 9 my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
- 10 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah
- 11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
- 12 Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
- 13 But I, O LORD, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

- 14 O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?
Why do you hide your face from me?
- 15 Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
- 16 Your wrath has swept over me;
your dreadful assaults destroy me.
- 17 They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.
- 18 You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;
my companions have become darkness.

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.

Offering Meditation

Part of acceptable worship involves offering to God some of “the things that are shaken,” as part of our receiving “the things that cannot.”

Hebrews 12:26-28 ESV

²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”
²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

Presentation of Offerings

“Forever” Psalm 89:46 - 52:1

1. How much longer LORD — forever? —
Will you hide away?
How long will your wrath — like fire! —
continue to blaze?
Remember me! What is my life?
Did you create all men in vain?
What man can live and not see death,
save his soul from the grave?
How much longer LORD?
2. Where is your love, Lord — from ancient —
which you had sworn?
In your faithfulness — to David —
Remember, O Lord!
How your servants, they are mocked,
and my heart by nations crushed.
Your enemies mock, Lord, they mock the steps,
of your Anointed One.
Where is your love, Lord?

3. Blessed be the LORD — forever! — Amen and amen!
Blessed be the LORD — forever! — Amen! Amen!
Forever I will sing YOUR love!
from age to age again
My mouth will tell your faithfulness.
Amen and amen!
Blessed be the LORD!
4. How much longer LORD?
Where is your love, Lord?
Blessed be the LORD!

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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

The author George Matheson wrote of this song saying: "I was suffering from extreme mental distress, and the hymn was the fruit of pain." The words of the verses are a powerful reminder that if we belong to Jesus, come what may, he will not leave us.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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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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“Praying in the Dark” (Tony Pyles)

Psalm 88

Introduction:

Christ has hallowed this darkest of places.

I. The Content of the Psalm in Three Movements

II. The Singularity of this Psalm

III. Praying in the Dark with Jesus

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: