



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 22, 2021

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



CHRIST - THE KING -

— 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

We here are called to rejoice not only because the Lord reigns, but also because righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne, that is to say, His rule is regulated by and always exercised in accord with perfect righteousness and justice. God? Regulated? Yes, but only by the perfection of His own character.

Psalm 97:1, 2 ESV

¹ The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

In our opening hymn we celebrate the justice of God, and the fact that He is a refuge to all who are oppressed.

"O Lord Most High, with All My Heart" (Trinity Hymnal #48)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

*** Reading from the Law**

This passage teaches several things about meekness: the ugliness and sinfulness of jealousy and selfish ambition, the seriousness with which the Lord takes these sins, and the Lord's favor toward the meek in the face of those who dishonor and mistreat them.

Numbers 12 ESV

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This hymn is not only a confession of pride, but also a prayer for the grace of humility and meekness.

"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!

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In this well-known passage we see the qualities of the citizens of the Kingdom of God, who, among other things, "are comforted...inherit the earth...are satisfied [with] righteousness...receive mercy...see God...are called sons of God...[and to whom belongs] the Kingdom of heaven," including meekness and poverty of spirit.

Matthew 5:3–10 ^{ESV}

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

To celebrate the true basis of our salvation, we sing this great hymn of humble focus on the work of God in Christ.

"Blessed Assurance"

(Trinity Hymnal #693)

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 will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"The Meekness of Wisdom"

* James 3:13–4:12

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 and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

"The Beatitudes"

(Trinity Hymnal #527)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is difficult to imagine other than that the widow gave so unreservedly because of her clear vision that she was not anything more than what she was. A similar attitude would do us all credit, especially as we give to the Lord.

Luke 21:1–4 ^{ESV}

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

"The Beatitudes"

(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 have heard today about submission, so now we close our worship with a prayer of submission, that God might have His way completely in our lives.

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

(Trinity Hymnal #688)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

August 22, 2021

"The Meekness of Wisdom"

James 3:13–4:12

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What does the "meekness of wisdom" look like?

I. Meekness relates to others unselfishly, 3:13–18.

A. Without competition.

B. Without discord.

II. Meekness responds to passions Scripturally, 4:1–5.

A. Sanctification and regulation.

B. Passions and the world.

III. Meekness repents toward God constantly, 4:6–12.

A. Submission.

B. Resistance.

C. Purification.

D. Sorrow.

E. Humility.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: