

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, June 18, 2023

"...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.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Call to Worship

Holiness is beautiful, and all worship and fellowship with God must be experienced in a context of holiness.

Psalm 29:1,2 ESV

- ¹ *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*
- ² *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We express in this hymn of praise our desire that everything living that God has created respond to the Creator in ways that bring Him joy and bless Him.

"Let All Things Now Living"

(Trinity Hymnal #125)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Holiness is required of God's people in order for them to enjoy the status of their unique identity: that of a privileged union and communion with the God who is holy.

Leviticus 20:26 ESV

You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We not only confess our lack of holiness now, but also pray for grace to live holy lives which glorify (manifest the excellencies of) our holy God.

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your 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; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*We have been forgiven through the mercy of God: as a result we are now **in fact** God's holy people, with a requisite obligation to live out that holiness as distinct from all other people.*

I Peter 2:9, 10 ^{ESV}

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

*The heart the concept of holiness is the truth that the Holy One of Israel has made us holy and therefore is **with us** always and in every trial we face. Union and communion with God, and the confidence and peace it produces, are the purpose and fruits of holiness.*

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

(Trinity Hymnal #498)

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, and 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

(Mike Biggs)

God with Us, Part VI: "The Dynamics of Holiness" (continued)

* Exodus 30

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.

"He Leadeth Me"

(Trinity Hymnal #600)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our offerings to God result in thanksgiving to God, through the work of the gospel in producing conversions, and through the fruit of lives pleasing to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11, 12 ^{ESV}

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

"To You, O Lord, I Fly"

(Trinity Hymnal #692)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship exhorting one another to the activities that produce holiness in us and thus make us pleasing and useful to the Lord.

"Take Time to Be Holy" *hymn of the month* (Trinity Hymnal #537)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

June 18, 2023

God with Us, Part VI: “The Dynamics of Holiness”

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 30

Introduction:

What do we need to understand about what is involved in being holy people?

I. Holiness is necessary to be *acceptable* to God.

A. The bronze basin.

B. The census tax.

C. The altar of incense

II. Holiness is necessary to be *useful* to God.

A. The bronze basin.

B. The anointing oil.

III. Holiness is necessary to be *pleasing* to God.

A. The altar of incense.

B. The incense itself.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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...

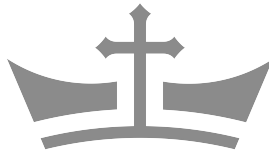
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

CoreValues (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



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