

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2011

Christian Year: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for Worship

And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel—and God knew."

Exodus 2:24-25

"We need God to make us realists about both ourselves and him."

J.I. Packer

"God deliberately chooses weak, suffering and unlikely candidates to get his work done, so that in the end, the glory goes to God and not to the person."

Joni Eareckson Tada

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 139* The Rev. Jared Huffman

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart!

People: Try me and know my thoughts!

Minister: Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it completely.

People: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. You are with me wherever I am!

***Come, Thou Almighty King** *Hymn No. 101* *TRINITY*

*Prayer of Adoration

Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** *Philippians 2:6-11*

Minister: Whom do we worship as our Lord and King?

People: We worship Jesus as our Lord and King, "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every

*Congregation stands

‡Congregation kneels

name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

Hymn No. 296 (Stanzas 1, 4-6)

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Kim Dolibois

Be Merciful to Me

Baker/Goodgame

Out from the deep I call to thee, O Lord, to thee.
Before thy throne I fall, be merciful to me.

Chorus:

Be merciful to me; be merciful to me.

Through shadow dark and valley deep, be merciful to me.

Out of the deep of fear and dread of coming shame;
All night till morn is near I plead the precious Name. (*Chorus*)

From the garden to the cross thy mercy did endure.
My soul purged of all dross, in blood made pure. (*Chorus*)

‡Silent Confession

The Rev. Eric Priest

‡Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We look for recognition and acclaim from others, and then sulk and become bitter when we are not honored. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except for when it serves our own purposes.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Be merciful to us. Forgive our sins and renew our hearts.

People: Help us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us through the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven, Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Psalms 103:13

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children,
the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

***In My Place**

Bleeker & Boswell

In my place, he stood condemned
He who knew no sin became sin for us
That we might become his righteousness

Bearing all my sin and shame, the punishment and blame
He conquered the grave that we might become the heirs of grace

Chorus:

In my place, Jesus died
The spotless Lamb laid down His life
The wrath of God was satisfied
In my place, Jesus died

Bridge:

Nail pierced hands, bleeding side,
His body bruised, my God crucified
A crown of thorns, dying cries, his flesh was torn, my God crucified
Hallelujah, what a Savior! (x4)

*The Peace of God

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

*In the 9:30 service, children (four years old - 2nd grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship.
Parents and guardians, please escort departing children into the Gathering Hall.*

Announcements

The Offering

Allemanda from *Sonata a tre*

Vivaldi

Scripture Reading

Lauren and Brad DeLoach

Exodus 2:11-25
Page 45 in the black Bibles

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

"Useful Failures"
Freedom and Faith

Jared Huffman

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.
We would be happy to serve you at your seat.*

*If you would like gluten-free communion bread, please request it from your server.
We serve wine during communion. If you prefer grape juice, please request it when served.*

Communion Prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

O Great God

Kauflin

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme; conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy word.
You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
Through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify your name through me.

Jesus Is Our King

POST GREEN

Refrain:

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him,
Singing alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!*

Create in us, O God, a humble heart that sets us free
To proclaim the wondrous majesty of our Father in heaven. *(Refrain)*

We bear the name of Christ; justified, we meet with him.
His words and presence calm our fear,
revealing God, our Father, here. *(Refrain)*

Let kindred voices join, honoring the Lamb of God
Who teaches us by bread and wine the mystery of his body. *(Refrain)*

Pour out your Spirit on us, empowering us to live as one,
To carry your redeeming love to a world enslaved by sin. *(Refrain)*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land,
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow,
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

***Concluding Prayer**

Father, we thank you that in this holy meal you powerfully remind us of the precious death of Christ, spiritually feed us with his body and blood, and lovingly assure us that you love and accept us. Send us into the world as people of the cross: bearers of the good news of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Benediction**

Minister: May our God, who is with his people wherever they go,
bless you and keep you.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Serving in Worship today: Mark Austin, trumpet; Cindy Cook, organ; Christine Elston, violin;
Patrick Kelly, percussion; Mark Miller, piano; Lisa Swank, guitar; Amy Wiggs, flute; Steven Wiggs, cello.
Rob Lee and Lisa Swank, vocalists.*

Sidney Kennard (9:30) and Justin Rose (11:00), worship assistants.

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