Order of Worship

Christ the King Presbyterian Church

January 29, 2012

Christian Year: The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Preparation for Worship

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 10:11-12

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

The centrality of the person and work of Christ in the history of redemption is the key to the entire Bible. The whole New Testament bears explicit testimony to this fact, and the Old Testament cannot be properly understood apart from it.

George Ladd, A Theology of the New Testament

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 86:8-9* The Rev. Jared Huffman

Minister: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

People: All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

****Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***
Hymn No. 457

***Prayer of Adoration**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** *Scots' Confession, Chapter 1*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.
He is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible,
omnipotent, invisible,
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons:
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

**Congregation stands* *‡Congregation kneels*

By him we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible,
to have been created, to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence
for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness,
and justice have appointed
and to the manifestation of his own glory.

******In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone - my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Global Mission Spotlight Sam Huisman

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World Koos Hoefakker

‡Prayer of Confession The Rev. Eric Priest

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ the light of the world. Amen.

***Words of Assurance** *Psalm 145:13-14*

Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

****Here in This Place***

Lay your burden down, every care you carry,
And come to the table of grace for there is mercy.
We come just as we are, though we're all unworthy.
To enter your presence, O Lord, for you are holy.

Refrain:
We lift our hearts, we lift our hands, we fall on our knees and pray
To the King of kings, for the love you bring is here in this place.
We raise our voices, raise our song, we offer you our praise.
You're the King of kings and the joy you bring is here,
You are here in this place.

Fill our lives with grace. Show us your forgiveness,
And give us the faith to believe that you've redeemed us.
You are Lord of all, and we give you glory,
All honor and power and praise for you are worthy. *(Refrain)*

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***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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Scripture Reading Kevin Cumming

Hebrews 9:1-14; 10:11-14
Page 1005 in the black Bibles

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

The Sermon "The Tabernacle and the Presence of God" *Faith and Freedom* — The Rev. Billy Crain, *RUF Campus Minister, Rice University*

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.

Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,
And lies, like arrows, pierce me.
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me.

Refrain:
O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *(Refrain)*

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am his forever. *(Refrain)*

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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart,
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Lyrics: Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863
Music: Vicki Cook, 1993
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His Love Can Never Fail

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed upon the living bread.
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;
I may not know the way to go, but oh, I know my Guide.

Refrain:
His love can never fail, his love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my faltering steps, as joyfully I go.
And though I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. *(Refrain)*

I will not fear, though darkness come abroad o'er all the land,
If only I may feel the touch of his own loving hand.
And though I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail. *(Refrain)*

Lyrics: E. S. Hall, 1897
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***Concluding Prayer**

***Benediction** *Romans 15:13*

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musicians: Carrie Allen, piano; Mark Austin, trumpet; Cindy Cook, organ; Michelle Hays, violin; Patrick Kelly, percussion; Amy Wiggs, flute; Steven Wiggs, cello; Steven Young, guitar.
Emily Kuo and Sam Huisman, vocalists.
Sidney Kennard (9:30) and Wes Hinton (11:00), worship assistants.
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