



CHRIST CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Next Week

October 4, 2020

CHRIST CHURCH | 8:30 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEDITATION

- CALL TO WORSHIP -

+ ADORATION

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace to you, from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: And also to you.

+ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90:1-2

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

+ PRAYER

+ HYMN

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- CONFESSION -

EXHORTATION

PSALM

Once More, My Soul, the Rising Day.....390(373)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Congregation is invited to kneel if able.

Psalm 32:4-5

+ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I John 2:1-2

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades. On the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PSALM 143 - ABBREVIATED RESPONSE

Minister: Hear my prayer, O Lord,

Congregation: Give ear to my supplications.

Minister: In Your faithfulness answer me,

Congregation: And in Your righteousness.

Minister: Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

Congregation: For in Your sight shall no living man be justified.

Minister: Quicken me, O Lord, for Your name's sake.

Congregation: For Your righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble.

+ PSALM

Let Israel Now Say in Thankfulness.....239(162)

- CONSECRATION -

+ SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:18-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Carpenter, Sheri Millhouse (CC 1st)
Carly Pinch, Keziah and Jana Friedel (CCD)
Skye Campbell, The Darrah Family, The Morrill Family
(CC 2nd)

HOUSEHOLD BAPTISMS

Casper David Roberts (CC 1st)
Congregational Charge: Little child, for you Jesus Christ came to this earth, struggled and suffered; for your sake He crossed Gethsemane and went through the darkness of Calvary; for your sake He cried: 'It is finished'; for your sake He died and for your sake He overcame death; indeed for your sake, little child, and you—still— know nothing of it. And thus the word of the apostle is confirmed: 'We love God, for He loved us first.' (Taken from an old French Reformed Baptism Rite)

PROFESSION OF FAITH BAPTISM

Isabel, Joshua, and Lucy Darrah (CC 2nd)
Congregational Charge: Our brother and sisters, for you Jesus Christ came to this earth, struggled and suffered; for your sake He crossed Gethsemane and went through the darkness of Calvary; for your sake He cried: 'It is finished'; for your sake He died and for your sake He overcame death; indeed for your sake, our brother and sisters, and this is what you have heard and believed. And thus the word of the apostle is confirmed: 'We love God, for He loved us first.

HYMN

With All My Heart My Thanks I'll Bring...278(182)

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CCD: *The Law of Female Captives* (Aaron Ventura)

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THE WINE

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- COMMISSIONING -

+ CLOSING DOXOLOGY

The congregation may raise hands

Amen, Blessing, and Glory.....**733**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon, and remain with you always. Amen.

NEXT WEEK

CC/CCD: Doug Wilson, Ben Merkle

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 18:20-40; Matthew 17:10-13

MUSIC: 302(324), 25(14), 609(320), 407(336), 704, 725(411), 288(189), 336(292), 193(142), 734(437)

"MAY I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE?"

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at Christ Church. We warmly invite to the Lord's table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

INTRODUCTION

The sons of Adam and daughters of Eve have always had to deal with the presence of sin, at least since the third chapter of Genesis. We have to “budget” for it, meaning that we allow for the possibility of sin encroaching into any situation, however blessed, and for the possibility of that sin creeping in through our own hearts, the hearts of our loved ones, or through the hearts of those who are not that close to us.

But in our day, we are no longer guarding against sin creeping in. There has been a great sexual apostasy, and the guardians of the new disorder are the ones who are trying to keep any kind of “normal” from creeping in. The new public square now positively *celebrates* sodomy, lesbianism, transsexualism, porn, polyamory, and worse, and castigates biblical masculinity as toxic and biblical femininity as craven. And this means that heterosexual monogamy, with lots of fat babies, is the new transgressive, and is a great privilege. Not many generations of Christians have had the opportunity to be righteous and naughty at the same time.

THE TEXT

“And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do . . .” (1 Chron. 12:32).

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT

Without application, the Scriptures are worse than useless. Without application, the Scriptures are simply the instrument we use in order to deceive ourselves (Jas. 1:22-24). But in order to make application, it is necessary to translate the principles of the Word into the customs of our times. Where those customs are false, we must repent and leave them behind. Where they are good, we must allow the Word to come in to strengthen us. As the Word strengthens us, we are strengthened in the *truth*, and the truth is the only thing that can answer the lies that surround us on every hand.

In the area of marriage, in the realm we are discussing, we want to create the kind of setting where the young men can come into a deeper understanding of what Scripture teaches about: 1. The world the way God created it; 2. The sexual center of all human culture; 3. The pressing need for real masculinity in young men, and; 4. The equally pressing need for true femininity in young women.

All of this is a function of *who you are becoming*. I have said several times that you should work on this: *become the kind of person that the kind of person you would like to marry would like to marry*. But in the light of what is coming up in just a few minutes, we may want to expand this just a touch. Become the kind of person that Scripture describes so that someone of the opposite sex, also described by Scripture, might recognize in you a good thing. So the standard is always Scripture, and not random ideals you might have picked up from trashy movies, trashy sitcoms, trashy novels, and trashy women’s magazines.

TO THINK SOBERLY

So you want to be among the sons of Issachar. What are the basic things you must come to understand better? You must understand that you are living in a world crammed with flattering lies, slathered in butter, and the only reason they are not immediately and glaringly obvious to you is that they are so flattering to you. *You deserve a porn queen. You can be any gender you want to be. You are as good as anybody else. You have a right to sexual happiness. You are entitled to every lust. You must learn to take pride in your lusts, and march in parades under their banner. You are the epicenter of all your sexual conceits.*

What a putrid mess. Note the contrast with how Scripture speaks to us.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith” (Rom. 12:1–3).

First you present your *body* to God as a living sacrifice. This means your body is not yours. You were bought with a price. As a Christian, you surrender your body to God, which means that He then directs what you are to do with it. But take note: His assignments will mostly likely include having babies with it.

Second, after you have presented your body on that altar—and the altar is *everywhere*—what follows? This leads to *not being conformed* to this world—the very thing I am preaching against in this series—and in addition results in being *transformed* by the renewing of your mind. This confirms the will of God.

And then, third, this leads to your ability to think of yourself soberly. You have learned the secret of seeing yourself by faith. When you see yourself by faith, you do not build your ambitions on the world’s flatteries (which are always false and very slippery), but rather on God’s promises. Because God’s promises are *all of grace*, it is now possible to have high ambitions without being conceited. When you see yourself by faith, you do not see yourself more highly than you ought, but you do see Christ, high and lifted up. And He can do *anything*. And one of the extraordinary things He specializes in doing is saving the world through the instrumentality of lots of ordinary people doing lots of normal things. Like asking a girl out.

CHRIST THE LORD

The Church is a fruitful household, and she has a perfect husband. This marriage relationship is to be our primal model. So as we pursue mundane realities like marriage and children, we are doing so in a world where these relations have been sacralized forever. We are commanded to set the everlasting gospel before our eyes as we think about these things. Future husbands, follow Jesus Christ. Love your wife as Christ loved the Church. Go and fetch her. Future wives, follow Jesus Christ by imitating the Church. Glory in the glory that is coming. Glory in the glory that you are.

THE TEXT

Deuteronomy 21:10-14

¹⁰ “When you go out to war against your enemies, and the Lord your God delivers them into your hand, and you take them captive, ¹¹ and you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and desire her and would take her for your wife, ¹² then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails. ¹³ She shall put off the clothes of her captivity, remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month; after that you may go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife. ¹⁴ And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall set her free, but you certainly shall not sell her for money; you shall not treat her brutally, because you have humbled her.

Psalm 122

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go in - to the house of the LORD."

²Our feet have been stand - ing with - in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!

³Je - ru - sa - lem is built as a cit - y that is com - pact to - geth - er,

⁴Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD,

To the Test - i - mo - ny of Is - ra - el, To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵For thrones are set there for judg - ment, The thrones of the house of Da - vid.

⁶Pray for the peace of Je - ru - sa - lem: "May they pros - per who love you.

⁷Peace be with - in your walls, Pros - per - i - ty with - in your pal - a - ces."

⁸For the sake of my breth - ren and com - pan - ions, I will now say, "Peace be with - in you."

⁹Be - cause of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

Music: David R. Erb, 2014 ©

Text: Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1982 ©

Once More, My Soul, the Rising Day

1. Once more, my soul, the ris - ing day Sa - lutes thy wak - ing eyes;
 2. Night un - to night His name re - peats; The day re - news the sound,
 3. 'Tis He sup - ports my mor - tal frame, My tongue shall speak His praise;
 4. On a poor worm Thy pow'r might tread, And I could ne'er with - stand;
 5. A thou - sand wretch - ed souls are fled Since the last set - ting sun,
 6. Dear God, let all my hours be Thine, Whilst I en - joy the light.

Once more, my voice, thy trib - ute pay To Him that rules the skies.
 Wide as the heav'n on which He sits To turn the sea - sons round.
 My sins would rouse His wrath to flame, And yet His wrath de - lays.
 Thy jus - tice might have crushed me dead, But mer - cy held Thy hand.
 And yet Thou length - nest out my thread, And yet my mo - ments run.
 Then shall my sun in smiles de - cline, And bring a pleas - ant night.

Music: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, II, 1813
 Text: Isaac Watts, 1707

CONSOLATION [MORNING SONG]
 8 6. 8 6.

Let Israel Now Say in Thankfulness

From Psalm 124

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the text. The second system contains the fourth and fifth verses. The third system contains the sixth and seventh verses. The music is characterized by a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some words in italics. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. ¹Let Is - ra - el now say in thank-ful-ness That if the LORD had not our
2. Yea, when their wrath a - gainst us fierce-ly rose, ⁴Then would the tide o'er us have
3. ⁶Blest be the LORD who made us not their prey; ⁷As from the fowl-er's net a

right maintained ²And if the LORD had not with us remained When cru - el men
spread its wave; The rag-ing stream would have be-come our grave; ⁵The surg - ing flood,
bird may flee, So from their bro - ken snare did we go free. ⁸Our on - ly help

⁴a - gainst us rose to strive, ³We'd sure-ly have been swal-lowed up a - live.
in proud-ly swell-ing roll, Most sure-ly would have o - ver-whelmed us all.
is in God's ho - ly name; He made the earth and all the heav'n - ly frame.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harm. *Scottish Psalter*, 1615; alt.
Text: Unknown

OR PEUT BIEN DIRE [GENEVAN 124]
10 10 10. 10 10.

With All My Heart My Thanks I'll Bring

From Psalm 138

1. ¹With all my heart my thanks I'll bring; Be - fore the
 2. For Thou a - bove Thy name a - dored Hast mag - ni -
 3. ⁴All kings of earth shall thanks ac - cord When they have
 4. ⁶Al - though Je - ho - vah is most high, On low - ly
 5. ⁷Through trou - ble though my path - way be, Thou wilt re -
 6. Thy hand, O LORD, shall set me free; ⁸Thou wilt ful -

gods Thy praise I'll sing; ²I'll wor - ship in Thy
 fied Thy faith - ful Word. ³The day I called, Thy
 heard Thy words, O LORD; ⁵Je - ho - vah's ways they'll
 ones He bends His eye; But those that proud and
 vive and com - fort me. Thine out - stretched hand Thou
 fill Thy plans for me; Thy mer - cy, LORD, for -

ho - ly place And praise Thy name for truth and grace;
 help ap - peared; With in - ward strength my soul was cheered.
 cel - e - brate; The glo - ry of the LORD is great.
 haugh - ty are He know - eth on - ly from a - far.
 wilt op - pose A - gainst the wrath of all my foes.
 ev - er stands; Leave not the work of Thine own hands.

Music: Isaac B. Woodbury (1819-1858)

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973; alt. ©

WESLEY

8 8. 8 8.

Psalm 149



¹ Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the as - sem - bly of saints.

² Let Is - ra - el re - joice in their Mak - er; Let the chil - dren of Zi - on be joy - ful in their King.

³ Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing prais - es to Him with the tim - brel and harp.

⁴ For the LORD takes pleas - ure in His peo - ple; He will beau - ti - fy the hum - ble with sal - va - tion.

⁵ Let the saints be joy - ful in glo - ry; Let them sing a - loud on their beds.

⁶ Let the high prais - es of God be in their mouth, And a two - edg - ed sword in their hand,

⁷ To ex - e - cute ven - geance on the na - tions, And pun - ish - ments on the peo - ples;

⁸ To bind their kings with chains, And their no - bles with fet - ters of i - ron;

⁹ To ex - e - cute on them the writ - ten judg - ment— This hon - or have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Music: David R. Erb, 2006 ©

Text: Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1982 ©

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness seems to veil His face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trump - et sound, Oh, may I then in

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
 chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My
 whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He
 Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the vail. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand; All
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1863
 Text: Edward Mote, 1834

THE SOLID ROCK
 8 8. 8 8. w/ refrain

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Cantor *Congregation*

8 9 Our Father who art in Heav-en, Hal-low - ed be Thy name. 10 Thy king-dom come.

5 11 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heav-en. 11 Give us this day our dai-ly bread,

8 12 And for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us.

10 13 And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil; For Thine is the

12 14 king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Tradional, very ancient

Text: Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611

Like Zion's Mountain Shall They Be

From Psalm 125

1. ¹ Like Zi - on's moun - tain shall they be Who in the
 2. ² As all a - round Je - ru - sa - lem The moun - tains
 3. ³ *Up - on the land of right - eous ones No e - vil*
 4. ⁴ O LORD, to all those who are good Show Your - self
 5. ⁵ Yet shall the LORD drive out all those In crook - ed

LORD con - fide, A mount which nev - er
 firm - ly stand. The LORD for ev - er -
rule shall press, Lest right - eous ones put
 good and kind, And like - wise show Your
 ways who dwell, A - long with all who

can be moved But ev - er shall a - bide.
 more sur - rounds The peo - ple of His hand.
forth their hands To work un - right - eous - ness.
 good - ness to All them of up - right mind.
 prac - tice sin; But peace on Is - ra - el!

Music: Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825–1889)

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 ©

CONTEMPLATION

8 6. 8 6.

My Song Is Love Unknown

unison

1. My song is love un - known—My Sav - ior's love to me, Love to the
 2. He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow, But men made
 3. *Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es sing; Re - sound - ing*
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the
 5. *They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way. A mur - der -*
 6. In life, no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no
 7. Here might I stay and sing— No sto - ry so di - vine! Nev - er was

love - less shown That they might love - ly be. Oh, who am I, That
 strange, and none The longed - for Christ would know. But oh, my friend, My
all the day Ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - cu - fy!" Is
 lame to run; He gave the blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet
er they save; The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheer - ful He To
 friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er gave. What may I say? Heav'n
 love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In

for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
 they at these Them - selves dis - please, And 'gainst Him rise.
suf - fring goes, That He His foes From thence might free.
 was His home; But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.
 whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

Music: John Ireland, 1919
 Text: Samuel Crossman, 1664

LOVE UNKNOWN
 6 6. 6 6. 4 4. 4 4.

Amen! Blessing and Glory

Revelation 7:12

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains measures 1-4, the second system measures 5-8, and the third system measures 9-12. The lyrics are: 'A - men! Bless - ing and glo - ry and wis - dom, Thanks - giv - ing and hon - or and pow - er and might, Be to our God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.' The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some measures containing rests. The final measure of the third system ends with a double bar line.

A - men! Bless - ing and glo - ry and wis - dom, Thanks -

giv - ing and hon - or and pow - er and might, Be to our

God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Douglas Wilson & Mark Reagan, 2015 ©

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