

CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 15, 2024

"...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

It is because of all the good gifts of the Lord, especially to His people, that we are called to praise God this morning.

Psalm 147 ESV

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In the words of Psalm 24, we invite the King of glory, Jesus Christ, to come into our worship service, even as He came into the world long ago, and invite each other to welcome Him into our hearts anew.

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

(Trinity Hymnal #198)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We direct particular attention to verse 22, in which God forbids Israel to dispossess the nations of Canaan all at once, lest the wild beasts multiply uncontrollably. This emphasizes the necessity of following God's plan rather than our own plans in the building of His Kingdom.

Deuteronomy 7:17–23

"If you say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?' ¹⁸ you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, ¹⁹ the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the Lord your God brought you out. So will the Lord your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. ²⁰ Moreover, the Lord your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed. ²¹ You shall not be in dread of them, for the Lord your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. ²² The Lord your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. ²³ But the Lord your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We echo the plaintiff cries of God's people throughout the ages for God to provide final and permanent relief from our sin, which has come in the Coming of Christ, the Emmanuel, who secures the ultimate blessing: the unhindered presence of God with us forever.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(Trinity Hymnal #194)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The only true comfort for sinners is that, if they are God's people by His grace, God has poured out upon Jesus the "full cup of His wrath," thus in Christ providing payment "for all her (i.e., God's people's) sins," so that her warfare is ended," and "her iniquity is pardoned."

Isaiah 40:1, 2 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

*We rejoice in the Christ who **has** come, and in the fullness of blessing which that coming has already wrought and will bring to pass at His final Coming in glory.*

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #196)

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)

"Models of Dominion VII — The Work of the Kingdom" Part I

* I Kings 5

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.

"Arise, O God, and Shine"

1. Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow that all the earth Thy truth may know.
2. Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, and govern by Thy righteous laws.
3. Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless, And fill the world with
righteousness.
4. To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

All this month we will use this Scripture to remind us that the One who was born for us is a King, and that as such our treasures belong to Him.

Matthew 2:11 ESV

"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"

(Trinity Hymnal #206 vv. 1&3)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

In our final hymn, we celebrate the entire story of our redemption through Christ: His humble birth, obedient life, glorious exaltation, and faithful raising of us to be kings under and with Him.

"Once in Royal David's City"

(Trinity Hymnal #202)

hymn of the month

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

December 15, 2024

"Models of Dominion VII — The Work of the Kingdom" Part I

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 5

Introduction:

How is the work of the Kingdom to be carried out?

I. The work of the Kingdom *implements the will of God,*
w. 1-5.

A. Believing the promises of God.

B. Following the agenda of God.

II. The work of the Kingdom *summons the world to God,*
v. 6-11.

A. In recognizing its gifts from God.

B. In enlisting its service for God.

C. In anticipating its submission to God.

III. The work of the Kingdom *displays the wisdom of God*,
v. 12-18.

A. Thorough preparation.

B. Detailed planning.

C. Godly priority.

— 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...

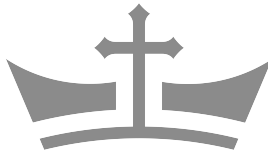
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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