



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 29, 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*

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## Call to Worship

*The glory of God manifested in His presence in His heavenly Temple stimulates and requires the worship and adoration of God. We should remember that the whole earth, echoing the worship of the seraphim, is destined to be the fulfillment and realization of the Temple in the new heavens and earth.*

### **Isaiah 6:1–3** *ESV*

*"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:*

*'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!'"*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We join the angels and, indeed, all creation, in praising the God of our creation and our redemption.*

**"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #218)*

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*The command of God through the angel was, "Fear not!" This is because of the gospel he subsequently announces. Do we take this as a command, and do we heed it and the basis for it?*

### **Luke 2:10,11**

*"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*David's classic prayer of confession and repentance perfectly expresses both the tension and the harmony between the confidence in God's work of justification and the obedient faith which it inevitably produces.*

Responsive reading, Psalm 51

(Trinity Hymnal p. 804)

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Salvation is not accomplished by our work, nor can we add anything to what God has done to accomplish it, but our works are simply the result and goal of His work.*

### Romans 4:4–8 ESV

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.<sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,<sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We celebrate the gospel message announced by the angels so long ago at the birth of our Savior.*

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

(Trinity Hymnal #203)

## *WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER*

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### **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*

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Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

**"Models of Dominion VIII — The Work of the Kingdom, Part II: Anticipation"**

\* I Kings 6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

## *WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD*

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### **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.*

"Within Your Temple, Lord"

*(Trinity Hymnal #373)*

"O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely"

*(Trinity Hymnal #371)*

## *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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### Offering Meditation

*All this month we have used 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** <sup>ESV</sup>

"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."

"Lord of All Good, We Bring Our Gifts to You" *(Trinity Hymnal #565)*

### Presentation of Offerings

\* Doxology

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

### Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*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)*

**Benediction**

# — SERMON NOTES —

December 29, 2024

## "Models of Dominion VIII — The Work of the Kingdom, Part II: Anticipation"

(Mike Biggs)

### I Kings 6

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Introduction:

*How is **anticipation** involved in the work of the Kingdom??*

I. We must labor in the hope of the *full realization of the Kingdom.*

A. Redemptive history.

B. God's faithfulness.

II. We must labor in the hope of the *finished work of the Kingdom*.

A. God's priority.

B. Construction details.

C. Confirmed righteousness.

III. We must labor in the hope of the *magnificent glory of the Kingdom*.

A. Edenic beauty.

B. Divine presence.

C. Divine glorification.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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# VISION

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**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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