

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, February 2, 2025

"...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

As we enter into worship, we are called by God to put away idols and incline our hearts to the Lord. Him only will we serve and obey. True obedience involves not just the outward action but the inward reality of the heart. Enter into worship, and rend your hearts to the Lord!

Joshua 24:20–24 ESV

"If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn [leader] and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good."

"No, but we will serve the Lord." [people]

"You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him."

"We are witnesses."

"Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel."

"The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey."

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for who he is: immortal, invisible, God only wise. Raising our voices in proclaiming God's character, we praise him with superlative delight in our minds and in our hearts.

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise!" (Trinity Hymnal #38)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

In Deuteronomy, Moses the Prophet sets out laws for the eventual king of Israel. They are important as we move through the book of Kings to have at the forefront of our minds, especially with Solomon. For us, we are called to learn to fear the Lord and not turn aside to the deceitfulness of riches or beauty of the world. As we follow after the greater King Jesus, our idols will be defeated as we follow in his way and after his word.

Deuteronomy 17:14–20

"When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' ¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' ¹⁷ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

¹⁸ "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We have sinned but there is always hope. This song takes from Psalm 130 and builds from a place of sorrow and sin up to great hope in Christ.

"From the Depths of Woe"

(see insert)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

This Psalm assures us that our transgressions are removed not on the basis of our merit but on the character of God. He is compassionate and gracious. He shall be our God, and we shall be his people, and sin cannot get in the way of that sure promise.

Psalm 103:8–12 ^{ESV}

- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Because of God's covenant faithfulness, we can be assured that his promises are true. Ultimately, Jesus is the fulfillment of all of God's promises, and we can rest assured that in him we have life.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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

(John Robert Biggs)

"A Juxtaposition between the Extraordinary and the Mundane"

* I Kings 9

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.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(Trinity Hymnal #457)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is very clear in Scripture that giving is a spiritual act meant to equip not only the one receiving the gift but also the giver. Giving is meant to increase your dependence on God and increase the believer's heart for good works.

2 Corinthians 9:7–8 ^{ESV}

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

"Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"

(Trinity Hymnal #576)

Presentation of Offerings

* **Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

There is a day when we will not have to worry about drifting in our sin and the sinful desires of our hearts. We sing trusting in the promise that we shall inherit the promised land as conquerors and rulers of God's kingdom. For that land, we are bound!

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more. (Repeat chorus)

4. When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest? (Repeat chorus)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

February 2, 2025

"A Juxtaposition between the Extraordinary and the Mundane"

(John Robert Biggs)

I Kings 9

Introduction:

How should the people of God avoid spiritual drift?

I. The people of God should acknowledge their standing before God.

A. He hears their prayers.

B. He sets his eyes and heart on them.

II. The people of God should trust God's promises.

A. His law is liberty.

B. His rule is through David's Son.

III. The people of God should heed God's warning.

A. Transgression comes slowly.

B. Idols seem good at first.

C. Sin has consequences.

— 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...

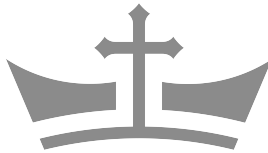
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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