

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 12, 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

The psalmist gives us the greatest rationale for our worship: that God is King and that, despite His greatness, He draws near to us as our Great Shepherd.

Psalm 95:1–7b *ESV*

- 1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*
- 3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.*
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.*
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.*
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We exhort our own souls to praise God for two things about which we shall hear more in today's sermon: the promise of God's faithfulness and the power of God to fulfill it in the context of our helplessness.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #76)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The gist of these verses is that God hates **vain** worship. Proper worship is always offered in the context of a commitment to righteousness as God defines it in His law.

Isaiah 1:10–17

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Give ear to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² “When you come to appear before me,
who has required of you
this trampling of my courts?

¹³ Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow’s cause.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our hidden faults and appeal to God for grace to avoid willful sins, asking Him to make our words and thoughts pleasing to Him.

Responsive reading, Psalm 19

(Trinity Hymnal pg.790)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

This is God's promise to all who are "willing and obedient" (verse 19), that is, all who have saving faith in Christ.

Isaiah 1:18 ^{ESV}

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Our assurance is based on the confidence which we express in this hymn, that Jesus is ours through faith.

"Blessed Assurance"

(Trinity Hymnal pg.693)

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 IX — Worship and Interior Decorating"

* I Kings 7

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.

"Praise Waits for Thee in Zion"

(Trinity Hymnal #372)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God expects us to offer our best to Him in every way, because this is what He is due as our King.

Malachi 1:6–14 ESV

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear?" says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, "How have we despised your name?" ⁷ By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, "How have we polluted you?" By saying that the LORD's table may be despised. ⁸ When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. ¹⁰ Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. ¹¹ For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised.

¹³ But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. ¹⁴ Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, we proclaim the indubitable truth that 'eternity's too short to utter all [God's] praise.'

"When All Thy Mercies"

*When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise
Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From Whom those comforts flowed.*

*Chorus: Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise
For oh, eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise!*

*When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
With health renewed my face
And when in sins and sorrow sunk
Renewed my soul with grace
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.*

(Repeat chorus)

*3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.*

(Repeat chorus)

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Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

January 12, 2025

"Models of Dominion IX — Worship and Interior Decorating"

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 7

Introduction:

What can the descriptions in I Kings 7 teach us about worship in the Kingdom?

I. We must appreciate the *significance* of worship.

A. The textual issue.

B. The values issue.

II. We must receive the *testimony* of worship.

A. Are these columns significant?

B. Is worship a means of grace?

III. We must prioritize the *quality* of worship.

A. Is the author an interior decorator?

B. Is anything too good for God?

— 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...

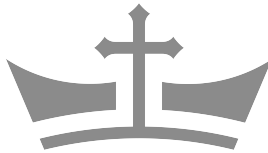
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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