



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 19, 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 saw in last week's call to worship, here displayed is the conjunction of God's transcendence and immanence, the realization of which inspires our worship.

Psalm 113 *ESV*

1 Praise the LORD!

*Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!*

*2 Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!*

*3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!*

*4 The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!*

*5 Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,*

*6 who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?*

*7 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,*

*8 to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.*

*9 He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.*

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

That transcendence/immanence balance is reflected in the praise expressed in this wonderful hymn.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Trinity Hymnal #53)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Relating to God properly, as we shall see later, involves understanding the difference between what we are supposed to know and apply to our lives, and what knowledge God reserves to Himself. We must avoid the impertinence of insisting on knowing more than that which God has chosen to reveal in His wise grace.

Deuteronomy 29:29

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our tendency toward pride in its many expressions in this hymn, and ask for the grace of humility which He in His wisdom so graciously, and sometimes painfully, imparts.

"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our response to the gospel is the evidence of our election to salvation, as is our continuing and increasing conformity to the commands of His Word, because this is God's will for His people, which His sovereign power inevitably brings to pass.

I Thessalonians 1:2–5a; 4:1-3a ^{ESV}

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

^{4:1}Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification"

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

What God has revealed in His Word in His mercy leads us to ever-increasing delight in who He is, as we seek Him there, and find Him to be the Father of mercies.

"Father of Mercies, in Thy Word"

1. Father of mercies, in Thy Word

What endless glory shines!

Forever be Thy Name adored

For these celestial lines.

2. Here, the fair tree of knowledge grows

And yields a free repast

Sublimier sweets than nature knows

Invite the longing taste.

Chorus: Father of mercies
Father of mercies
Father of mercies
In Thy Word
Father of mercies
Father of mercies
Father of mercies
In Thy Word

3. Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around
And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound.

4. Oh may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight,
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light. (Repeat chorus)

5. Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
Be Thou forever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word,
And view my Savior there. (Repeat chorus)

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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 X — 'The Tension of Relating to God'" Part 1

* | Kings 8

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.

"Vast the Immensity"

(Trinity Hymnal #24)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

He who is forgiven much, loves much. How much has Christ forgiven you?

Luke 7:36–47 ^{ESV}

“One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner; when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.”

⁴¹ “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #648)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, we praise God for His sovereign,, providential care and love for us, and proclaim our confidence in Him.

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

(Trinity Hymnal #97)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

January 19, 2025

"Models of Dominion X — 'The Tension of Relating to God'"

Part I

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 8

Introduction:

How does relating to God properly involve the maintenance of tension?

I. Relating to God properly involves balance regarding His *revelation*, vv. 1-13.

A. Mystery.

B. Revelation.

II. Relating to God properly involves balance regarding His *providence*, vv. 14-21, 22-26.

A. Faithfulness.

B. Hope.

III. Relating to God properly involves balance regarding His *lordship*, vv. 27-30.

A. Immensity.

B. Intimacy.

— 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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