



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 26, 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

Again this week, that transcendence/immanence balance is reflected in the praise expressed in this week's hymn of praise.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #76)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This juxtaposition of greatness and nearness is the basis of the psalmist's command to worship God, and it is the supreme motivation for our worship.

Psalm 95:6, 7a

*"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."*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our deep depravity and helplessness to make ourselves acceptable to God, asking Him to do for us that which we cannot do for ourselves.

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge unfeignedly before thy holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress thy holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through thy righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended thee; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching thy grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as thou dost blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of thy Holy Spirit; that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasant unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The wonder of the majestic God's salvation of vile sinners reveals the magnitude of His grace and mercy.

Romans 5:6–8 ESV

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Once again we sing this hymn so as to add it to our repertoire of familiarity as a congregation. 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 2

* I 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.

"Within Your Temple, Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #373)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

So, we express our love, in part, by worshiping Him with our tithes and offerings.

I John 4:19 ^{ESV}

"We love because he first loved us"

"Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #471)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, we celebrate Christ as the foundation of our salvation and of our unity as the chosen people of God.

"The Church's One Foundation"

(Trinity Hymnal #347)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

January 26, 2025

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

Part 2

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 8

Introduction:

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

I. Relating to God properly involves balance regarding His *wise love*, vv. 31–53.

A. Severity.

B. Mercy.

II. Relating to God properly involves balance regarding His *universal election*, vv. 41–43.

A. Particularity.

B. Universality.

III. Relating to God properly involves balance regarding His *progressive triumph*, vv. 27–30.

A. Teleology.

B. Constancy.

— 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...

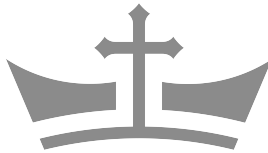
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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