



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 5, 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

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## Call to Worship

*This psalm brings together several of the themes present in the design and building of the Temple, such as God's holiness, His majesty, and His throne as represented in the Most Holy Place. Our call to worship is based upon His nature as revealed through the Temple.*

### Psalm 99 ESV

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!
- <sup>4</sup> The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> Exalt the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!
- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.  
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
- <sup>7</sup> In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- <sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise God for His sovereignty over the nations, a fact that will ultimately be universally acknowledged at the consummation of the Kingdom.*

"Rejoice, All People, Homage Give"

(Trinity Hymnal #73)

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*What does it mean to do all things "to the glory of God?" The answer lies in the definition of God's "glory." What is important is that **everything** in our lives is to be dedicated to this end.*

### I Corinthians 10:31

*"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."*

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*We confess our glorification of ourselves and failure to glorify God, which is what we were created to do.*

O God, our heavenly Father, the thrice holy One, we confess to you that we have failed to reflect the utterly beautiful splendor of your character, in violation of our created calling. In asserting our autonomy and imagined independence from you, we have adorned ourselves with the ugliness of fear, self-assertion, arrogance, and pride. We have neglected you and others in order to advance, promote, and aggrandize ourselves, thereby displaying the wretchedness of alienation, which is the essence of death. By your grace we recognize and acknowledge our inability to change ourselves or our estate, and thus cast ourselves upon you and the work of our beautiful Savior, Jesus Christ, who loved us and selflessly gave Himself for us and our sins upon the cross. Trusting in His work, we humbly ask that you imbue us with His gentle and quiet spirit, giving us true life, and

enabling us to reflect His and your beauty to a watching and needy world, that your beauty might fill the earth, and that you may delight in it and us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God is the one who enables us in salvation to reflect the glory of God by restoring the image of God in us, conforming us to the image of Christ, our Savior.*

### 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 <sup>ESV</sup>

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We celebrate the adequacy and beauty of Jesus and our union with Him, in which mercy, truth and righteousness "most sweetly meet."*

### "Jesus, the Lord, My Savior Is"

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God;  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;  
And I His grace record.

2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,  
And there it dwells for me;  
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills  
With treasures rich and free.

Chorus: Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In Whom I stand complete.

3. As through the wilderness I roam,  
His mercies I'll proclaim;  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.

4. 'Worthy the Lamb,' shall be my song,  
'For He for me was slain;'  
And me with all the heavenly throng  
Shall join, and say, 'Amen.' (Repeat chorus)  
(Repeat verse 1)

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## *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" (continued)

\* 1 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.*

**"Lord of the Worlds Above"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #375)*

# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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**Offering Meditation**

*We present offerings to God in part to express our thanks for His gracious deliverance of us from death unto life and light.*

**Psalm 56:12, 13** <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>12</sup> I must perform my vows to you, O God;  
I will render thank offerings to you.

<sup>13</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from falling,  
that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.

**"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #88)*

**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.*

**"Jesus, with Thy Church Abide"**

*1. Jesus, with Thy church abide;  
Be her savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.*

*2. Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.*

*3. May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.*

*4. May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.*

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**Benediction**

# — SERMON NOTES —

January 5, 2025

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

(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...

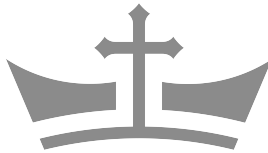
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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