



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, February 23, 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

We are called to rejoice because God is King: a King who rules in righteousness and justice, who preserves the lives of His people, who judges His and their adversaries, and who in all these ways and more displays His glory.

Psalm 97 ESV

- ¹ The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!*
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*
- ³ Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.*
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.*
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.*
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.*
- ⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!*
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.*
- ⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.*
- ¹⁰ O you who love the Lord, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.*
- ¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.*
- ¹² Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for His sovereignty, which He displays in both delivering the oppressed and bringing judgments upon those who oppose Him and His kingdom.

"O Lord Most High, with All My Heart"

(Trinity Hymnal #48)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The Bible teaches that experience, which is largely, though not exclusively, the province of older people, is to be respected and a source of guidance.

Proverbs 20:29

*"The glory of young men is their strength,
but the splendor of old men is their gray hair."*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this confession we emphasize our sin of trusting in our own wisdom and ruling ourselves rather than submitting to and applying the rule of God in our lives.

Almighty Father, Who by your will and for your glory formed us and everything else in all creation, Who upholds all things by the power of your Word, and Who has graciously and lovingly preserved your people and provided for our needs, we confess our constant failure to trust You and rely upon your goodness. Instead of leaning wholly upon You, we have thought and acted upon the meager understanding afforded by our limited human perspectives. Rather than acknowledging You in all our ways, we have forgotten You and turned to our own way, the way that seems right unto a man, but leads to death. We have failed to take seriously and oppose the challenges to your truth and Word which we have experienced in our culture, thus either tacitly acceding to them or allowing them to flourish by our silence. We have sinned against You constantly by presuming to own ourselves and our ways, in violation of your holy command to trust You with all of our hearts. With renewed

faith we cast ourselves upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. In abject sorrow we confess our unbelief, and in heartfelt and sincere repentance ask You for the grace of faith, wrought by your Holy Spirit, which You have promised to give your people Israel. Write your law on our hearts, that we may adopt your heart and mind, and evermore walk in the light, as You are in the light, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Although the path to the accomplishment of God's purpose to save the world might seem to us circuitous and painfully slow, His assurance that this is the end toward which He is moving all things comforts us and gives us hope, both for ourselves as individuals and for His world.

Isaiah 9:6, 7 ^{ESV}

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Revelation 11:15 ^{ESV}

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The sin which the Bible so clearly reveals and does not try to excuse, rationalize, or cover up, is the sin the awareness of which produces the attitude expressed in this hymn: we can boast in nothing else but the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

"Awake, My Soul"

*1. The image of God invisible
The firstborn of all life
Before and within,
He holds it all in
One name, one faith, one Christ*

*Chorus: No one is good enough
To save himself
Awake my soul tonight
To boast nothing else*

*2. I trust no other source or name
Nowhere else can I hide
This grace gives me fear,
and this grace draws me near
And all that it asks it provides(Repeat chorus)*

*Bridge: No seam in this garment
All my rags to hide
No less than your love
For Jesus is mine*

*3. When I stand on the edges of Jordan
With the saints and the angels beside
When my body is healed
and the glory revealed
Then still I can boast only Christ(Repeat chorus twice)*

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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

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"Models of Dominion XIII — 'A People under God's Judgment'"

* I Kings 12

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.

"O God, Your Judgments Give the King"

(Trinity Hymnal #312)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

True, worshipful offerings must always be offered in this spirit.

Psalm 51:17 ESV

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring" (Trinity Hymnal #88, w1,3)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship today with a hymn of praise, calling each other and all mankind to praise God in the recognition of His sovereignty over all things and all of life.

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

February 23, 2025

"Models of Dominion XIII — 'A People under God's Judgment'"

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 12

Introduction:

What are the marks of God's judgment upon a people?

I. God's judgment is indicated by a crisis of *wisdom*.

A. Listening to *experience*.

B. Listening to *God*.

C. Listening to the *people*.

II. God's judgment is indicated by a crisis of *authority*.

A. Alternatives for authority's application.

B. Spheres of authority's exercise.

III. God's judgment is indicated by a crisis of *sovereignty*.

A. Sovereignty and *power*.

B. Sovereignty and *worship*.

— 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...

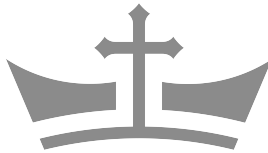
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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