



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 2, 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

*God has not dealt with us as our sins deserve, and we approach Him in worship today only because of His kindness to us in drawing us near to Him. Our service today is based upon this truth.*

### **Psalm 30** ESV

*Leader: Let us extol God for His grace, kindness, and mighty acts on our behalf!*

#### **Congregation:**

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.  
<sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.  
<sup>3</sup> O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.*

#### *Leader:*

- <sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.*

#### **All:**

- <sup>11</sup> You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,  
<sup>12</sup> that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## \* Hymn of Praise

*God's mercies are such that — as we proclaim in this wonderful hymn —  
eternity's too short to utter all His praise!*

### "When All Thy Mercies, O My God"

*1. 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!*

*2. 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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# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*The First Commandment and the Tenth bookend the summary of God's Law in the Ten Commandments and themselves summarize the essence of the Law: There is one God, and we are not Him!*

### **Exodus 20:1–3**

*"I And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me."*

### **Silent Confession of Sin**

### **Corporate Confession of Sin**

*The psalmist rehearses how God dealt with the arrogant sin he confesses by disciplining Him (by "hiding His face," withholding intimate fellowship with Him) and then graciously and kindly healing him and restoring him to joy. This experience could be rehearsed in the memory of all of us who know the Lord, because he has dealt with us in the exact same fashion.*

**Responsive reading, Psalm 30**

(Trinity Hymnal p. 794)

# *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

*We return to Psalm 30, repeating part of today's call to worship, in celebration of the encouragement we receive from the contemplation of God's stubborn, persistent, forgiving love.*

### **Psalm 30:4, 5** ESV

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*The sin of God's people, as we will see in today's sermon, often results in the loss of their influence (or rule) in the world, placing them at the mercy of their and God's enemies. But God's purpose and God's mercy, which we have seen again in the service to this point, give us hope and confidence that "all will [certainly] be well."*

#### "All Will Be Well"

*1. Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well*

*2. Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well*

*3. We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well*

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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 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*

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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.*

**"Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty"**

(Trinity Hymnal #45)

## *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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### Offering Meditation

*Our offerings to God in this service are part of the fulfillment of this prophecy.*

### **Haggai 2:7–9** ESV

"And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts.<sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts.<sup>9</sup> The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts."

### **"All Glory Be to Thee, Most High"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #102, vv 1,2)*

### Presentation of Offerings

#### \* Doxology

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

### Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*As last week, we close our worship again 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 2, 2025

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

(Mike Biggs)

## I Kings 12

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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:

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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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