

CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 16, 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

God's people are not only called to praise the Lord among themselves, but this Psalm makes it explicit that we are to proclaim his wonderful works to the nations. Corporate worship is a microcosm of what the whole earth should be doing. Worship the Lord in splendor and holiness.

Psalm 96:1–13 ESV

- ¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In this hymn we praise God for the work on the cross, and we appeal to his graciousness that all the world would know his sacred name—that they would know it precisely because his people proclaim the love of Christ.

"Lift High the Cross"

(Trinity Hymnal #263)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Following the four songs of the suffering servant in Isaiah, this passage calls everyone who thirsts to take hold of the blessings obtained and secured by this wonderful Savior. Notice particularly in verses four and five that peoples and nations will run to this offspring of David because of God's compassion.

Isaiah 55

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We have a God slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. To him we sing and plead on the basis of his character for forgiveness for our sins. Take a moment to consider the lyrics and acknowledge your sins before him.

"God Be Merciful to Me

I. God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Though God's people stray, his promise to David and his chosen city Jerusalem remain. So, he promises to be gracious to those who wait upon the Lord. In fact he will exalt himself in order to be merciful, which he does in David's greater Son. Take hold of that promise.

Isaiah 30:18–19 ESV

"Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.
For the Lord is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

¹⁹ For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

It was that Man of Sorrows who took the chastisement that brought us peace. By his wounds we are healed. All hope of forgiveness and assurance of pardon rest upon his life and death. What a Savior!

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

(Trinity Hymnal #246)

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

(John Robert Biggs)

"Models of Dominion— 'A Tale of Two Kingdoms'"

* 1 Kings 14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The call to give is not in short supply in the Bible. God loves the cheerful giver, and he promises to nurture your soul as you give freely. So, as an act of worship, give to the Lord that your soul may be rich.

Proverbs 11:24–25 ^{ESV}

²⁴ One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered."

"O Lord, Be Thou My Helper True"

(Trinity Hymnal #50)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

There is a day when we will not have to worry about the Covenant promises because they will be fully realized. We sing trusting in the promise that we shall inherit the promised land as conquerors and rulers of God's kingdom. For that land and to that promise, we are bound!

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

*1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.*

*2. All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.*

*Chorus: I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.*

*3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.(Repeat chorus)*

*4. When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?(Repeat chorus)*

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Benediction

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...

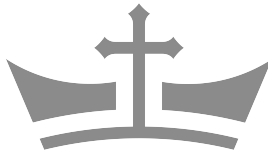
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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