



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 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

In our call to worship, we have a dialogue of sorts between the worship leader, God Himself, and God's worshipping people. We hear of God's sovereignty over evil and declare our intention to worship Him who rules.

Psalm 75 ESV

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God

Congregation:

**¹ We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.**

Leader:

² *"At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.
³ When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah
⁴ I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'
and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn;
⁵ do not lift up your horn on high,
or speak with haughty neck."
⁶ For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,
⁷ but it is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.
⁸ For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup
with foaming wine, well mixed,
and he pours out from it,
and all the wicked of the earth
shall drain it down to the dregs.*

All:

**⁹ But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,
but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.**

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We declare the blessing of God's sovereign rule over all He has made, including evil, and declare our worship of and trust in Him in light of it.

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

(Trinity Hymnal #75)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The command here is to "wait for the Lord," and it comes with a promise: that those who wait will be sustained by His power and given strength and endurance.

Isaiah 40:27–31

*27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,*

*"My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?*

*28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,*

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

*He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.*

*29 He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.*

*30 Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;*

*31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;*

*they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this prayer we confess our failure to trust in God's providence in our lives, and ask for grace to "wait upon Him."

"O Most Faithful and Sovereign Lord, we acknowledge that you rule over all, and that nothing happens apart from your sovereign will, by which you work all things according to the counsel of your will, and that your plans are often, if not usually, contrary to what we expect or what we would do if we were in your place. Forgive us for our failure to recognize our creaturely ignorance, and our dependence upon your wisdom and providence, and our foolish impatience with the working out of your perfect plan. Cleanse us once again, and apply the blood of Christ to our sin, and may your gracious washing result in a steadfast ability and determination to wait upon you afresh, according to the admonitions and loving commandments of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen."

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We repeat a part of this magnificent passage, which is a promise to those who depend upon God's grace, not only in its unassailable form, but also in its perfect timing.

Isaiah 40:30, 31 ESV

- ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The Word of the Gospel is our comfort and assurance, as we celebrate in this hymn.

"Be Still, My Soul"

(Trinity Hymnal #689)

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 XVI — 'God's Presence in the Face of Evil'"

* I Kings 15

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.

"Lord of Hosts—Psalm 46"

¹God is our refuge and strength,
A helper most present in need.

²Therefore we will not fear,
Not even though earth starts to shake!
Even though mountains move into the heart,
To the heart of the seas, ³and its waters roar:
They will roar! and they will foam!
Mountains quake at its swelling pride.

⁴There is a river whose streams
Bring joy to the city of God,
A sanctified dwelling place
Of he who is high above all!

⁵God remains in her midst; she won't be moved.
God will give help to her when the morning dawns:

⁶Nations roar! The kingdoms move!
Earth dissolves as he sends his voice!

⁷The LORD of hosts, the LORD is right here with us!
Our fortress, our fortress Jacob's God!

⁸Come and behold all the works
The LORD has done, how he has brought
Desolations on earth.

⁹To the end of earth he makes wars cease,
Breaks the bow, cracks the spear, and with a fire
Burns the chariots. ¹⁰"Be still! Know that I am God!
I'll be exalted above the nations!
I'll be exalted over all the earth!"

*¹¹The LORD of hosts, the LORD is right here with us!
Our fortress, our fortress Jacob's God!*

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God is able to bless us in such a way that we can give to the cause of His Kingdom and the needs of others.

2 Corinthians 9:8–11 ESV

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

"O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!" *(Trinity Hymnal #52, vv. 3,4)*

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology** *(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We depart today with a prayer that God would exert His sovereignty and subdue the nations to His rule, bringing final and ultimate blessing to all His creation in accord with His promise.

"O God, No Longer Hold Thy Peace" *(Trinity Hymnal #61)*

Benediction

II. We must trust God's *ability to empower the victory* of His Kingdom.

A. The faithfulness of Asa.

B. The failures of Asa.

C. God's work in Asa.

III. We must enjoy God's *sovereignty to regulate the evil* in His Kingdom.

A. Enduring the presence of evil.

B. Transcending the vanity of evil.

— 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...

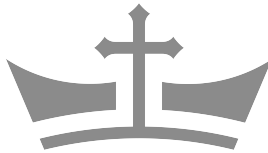
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

Core Values (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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