



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 30, 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

*Our call to worship today points us to God's righteousness and justice, and calls us not only to worship but also to hatred of evil ourselves.*

### **Psalm 97** *ESV*

#### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

*We celebrate in this hymn of praise two crucial things about God in relation to evil in this world: His righteous judgment of it and His sovereign protection of His people who are affected by it.*

**"O Lord, Most High, with All My Heart"** (Trinity Hymnal #48)

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*There is much that we could glean from these passages as instruction and imperatives for us, necessarily involving biblical-theological qualifications, but the most obvious and continuing obligation they assert is the responsibility to hate evil, as our call to worship also commanded.*

### **Deuteronomy 19:15–21; 21:18–21** *ESV*

*"A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. <sup>16</sup> If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, <sup>17</sup> then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. <sup>18</sup> The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, <sup>19</sup> then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. <sup>20</sup> And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. <sup>21</sup> Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.*

21:18 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, <sup>19</sup> then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, <sup>20</sup> and they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' <sup>21</sup> Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*In this confession, though it might not be clear at first reading, the psalmist (ad we!) confess our participation in the idolatry that is condemned by God, and declare our confidence in God's protection of those who pursue godliness through repentance, which this prayer expresses.*

Responsive reading, Psalm 4

(Trinity Hymnal p. 786)

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Our pardon and deliverance from sin are based on the rock to which Christ refers in this passage: the rock of revelation of Him as Messiah and Savior, and His mission as such, resulting in the building of His Church, He proclaims to be inevitably successful, even to the point of storming the gates of hell, with irresistible success.*

### Matthew 16:13–19 <sup>ESV</sup>

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever

you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

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)

Hymn of the Month

### 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 XVI — 'God's Presence in the Face of Evil'  
Part II"**

\* I Kings 16

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.*

"O Jehovah, Hear My Words"

*(Trinity Hymnal #51)*

## WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

### Offering Meditation

*Once again, we return to this prophecy of the glory of God's latter day Temple, the Church, and how 'the treasures of all nations shall come in.' This prophecy is in part fulfilled as we today present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.*

## Haggai 2:6–9 <sup>ESV</sup>

"For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. <sup>7</sup> 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."

"This Is My Father's World"

*(Trinity Hymnal #111)*

Presentation of Offerings

\* Doxology

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*As we leave today, we declare and rejoice in the righteous judgment of God through Christ the Judge when He comes again.*

"The Mighty God, the Lord"

*(Trinity Hymnal #316)*

Benediction

# — SERMON NOTES —

March 30, 2025

"Models of Dominion XVI — 'God's Presence in the Face of  
Evil' Part II"

(Mike Biggs)

## I Kings 16

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Introduction:

*What must be our perspective in the face of evil in the world?*

I. We must adopt a balanced understanding of evil, vv. 1–7.

A. God's use.

B. Man's responsibility.

II. We must *maintain* a *sober evaluation* of evil, vv. 8–28.

A. The folly of sin.

B. The regulation of sin.

C. The heinousness of sin.

III. We must *grasp a sustaining hope* regarding evil, vv. 29–34.

A. A realistic perspective.

B. A theological perspective.

# — 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)

**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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