



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 27, 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

Our call to worship today highlights our need to listen to God and heed His Word, and calls us not only to worship but also to the repentance ideally expressed thereby.

Psalms 80, 81 *ESV*

Leader: Psalm 81

Congregation: **Restore us, O LORD God of Hosts! [from Psalm 80]
Let your light shine, that we may be saved!**

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We begin by acknowledging the fundamental premise of all of our worship and of the Christian life (and life itself!): "The LORD is God (and we are not)!" We will hear these words again in the text of our sermon today, calling our hearts to the same proclamation.

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (Trinity Hymnal #4)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Prayer toward God's House (ultimately Jesus Christ Himself, the True Temple, cf. John 2:18-22) is the divine prescription for dealing with all of the sin of God's people.

I Kings 8:27-36 *ESV*

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. ³⁰And

listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

³¹ "If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath and comes and swears his oath before your altar in this house, ³² then hear in heaven and act and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing his conduct on his own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding him according to his righteousness.

³³ "When your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and if they turn again to you and acknowledge your name and pray and plead with you in this house, ³⁴ then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to their fathers.

³⁵ "When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place and acknowledge your name and turn from their sin, when you afflict them, ³⁶ then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk, and grant rain upon your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our helplessness to deal with our own sin, and appeal to the God who alone can atone for it and produce righteousness in us by His mercy.

"Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat"

*Chorus: Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
For none can perish there.*

*Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I.*

*Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to Thee for rest.*

Be Thou my shield and hiding place,
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him Thou hast died!

O wondrous love! To bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead Thy gracious name!

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The latter part of this passage is quoted in Romans 10 by the Apostle Paul as proof of the gospel of grace through faith as opposed to salvation by works of the Law.

Deuteronomy 30:1–14 ^{ESV}

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We can rest in the provision God has made for our sin: Jesus Christ the crucified.

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

(Trinity Hymnal #468)

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 XVIII — 'Will the Real God Please Stand Up?'"

* I Kings 18

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, the Rock of Ages"

(Trinity Hymnal #28)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

We see another widow (like the one in Luke 21:1–4) whom God through His prophet calls to give, a giving that requires faith in God's provision, as does all the giving of God's people, including us today.

1 Kings 17:8–16 ESV

"Then the word of the Lord came to him,⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah."

"Father, I Know that All My Life"

(Trinity Hymnal #559)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our worship today with a prayer that God will use us, and all His people, to bring about the knowledge of Him throughout all the earth.

"O God, to Us Show Mercy"

(Trinity Hymnal #437)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"Models of Dominion XVIII — 'Will the Real God Please Stand Up?"
(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 18

Introduction:

What does Elijah's ministry teach us about the prophetic ministry of the Church?

- I. God's ambassadors must *rely on His protection to instill confidence*, vv. 1–19.
 - A. The fear with which we are tempted.

 - B. The promise from which we draw boldness.

II. God's ambassadors must *proclaim His holiness to engender worship*, vv. 20–40.

A. Holy worthiness.

B. Holy transcendence.

C. Holy power.

D. Holy provision.

E. Holy justice.

III. God's ambassadors must *embody His grace to inspire repentance*, vv. 41–46.

A. The grace of everyday goodness.

B. The grace of answered prayer.

C. The grace of divine guidance.

— 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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