



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, June 1, 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

This call to worship emphasizes several truths about God which are prominent in our passage for today: His goodness, His mercy, His gift of the nations to His people, His justice, and His faithfulness.

Psalm III ESV

¹ Praise the LORD!

*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We both praise and celebrate the God whose sovereignty brings victory over all His and our enemies and the ultimate submission of all to Him.

"God Is Known Among His People"

(Trinity Hymnal #66)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God expects those to whom he gives stewardship of His property to be productive with what He has committed to them.

Luke 19:11–27 *ESV*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess all that is related to failure to obey the Creation Mandate and exercise dominion in the Name of the Lord over our share of His creation as individuals.

Almighty and ever-gracious Lord, who has blessed each of us with the privilege of responsibility and dominion over a share of your Creation, thus enabling us both to serve and to enjoy you through these blessings, we ask your forgiveness for our irresponsibility, neglect, apathy, laziness, and any other aspects of our lives which have caused us to fail in our duty to reflect and glorify you and implement your rule in this world. Cover us with the blood of your Son, impute to us His perfect obedience to this responsibility, and empower us by your Spirit to apply your perfect will to all that we do, and to all of the inheritance over which you have granted us dominion, in the Name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God's promise is that those of His people who display "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5; 16:26), a summary of covenantal responsibility, thus "overcoming" by His grace and in His power, will inherit the authority which His Son, though His death, resurrection, and ascension to the throne of God, won back for all of mankind who trust Him.

Revelation 3:21 ^{ESV}

"The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We praise God in celebration of the Ascension of Jesus Christ our King.

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

(Trinity Hymnal #289)

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 XXII — God's Word to Kings"

* 1 Kings 20–22

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.

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

(Trinity Hymnal #345)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Unlike Ahab, David seeks the property of another not for his own pleasure, but to make an offering to the Lord. But he does not expect Ornan the Jebusite to donate it, but pays Ornan, respecting his property, and in effect makes two offerings to the Lord.

I Chronicles 21:22–25 ESV

"As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David and went out from the threshing floor and paid homage to David with his face to the ground. ²² And David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the LORD—give it to me at its full price—that the plague may be averted from the people."²³ Then Ornan said to David, "Take it, and let my lord the king do what seems good to him. See, I give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for the wood and the wheat for a grain offering; I give it all!"²⁴ But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing!"²⁵ So David paid Ornan 600 shekels of gold by weight for the site."

"I've Found the Pearl Of Greatest Price!" *(Trinity Hymnal #696)*

Presentation of Offerings

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

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we depart today, we offer all that we have and are, including all that God has entrusted to us in stewardship, in consecration to God for Him to use for His glory.

"Take My Life, and Let It Be" *(Trinity Hymnal #585)*

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

June 1, 2025

"Models of Dominion XXII — God's Word to Kings"

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 20–22

Introduction:

What does God's Word teach kings about their rule?

I. God's Word instructs kings to *apply the justice God requires*, chapter 20.

A. Toward those who demean His people.

B. Toward those who demean Him.

II. God's Word instructs kings to *respect the inheritance God bestows*, chapter 21.

A. By subduing their territory to the law of God.

B. By protecting and enhancing their and others' territory.

III. God's Word instructs kings to *embrace the sovereignty God employs*, chapter 22.

A. Employment by His Word.

B. Employment by His Providence.

— 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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