



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 11, 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 focuses on the fact that the LORD (Yahweh), unlike the idols which people worship, is in fact King over all the earth.

Psalm 47 ESV

- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*
- 2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.*
- 3 He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.*
- 4 He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah*
- 5 God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.*
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!*
- 8 God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.*
- 9 The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In confessing that we do not possess adequate tools to attribute to God the glory rightfully due Him, we simultaneously in this hymn proclaim the impotence, failure, delusion, and utter atrocity of all the idols with which sinful men would replace Him.

"O That I Had a Thousand Voices"

(Trinity Hymnal #22)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God requires that nothing and no one attempt to usurp His unique place as God, and He will not (and should not!) tolerate the attempt of anyone to perpetrate or promote such an atrocity.

Exodus 20:1–3 ^{ESV}

And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We appeal to God's mercy as we confess examples and situations of sin and temptations we face. Of particular relevance to today's theme is verse 4.

"By Thy Mercy"

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

Refrain: By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
 By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour:

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace.
Refrain

In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.
Refrain

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Behind the idols and “gods” which pagans worshiped in antiquity were actual demons, representing the kingdom of Satan, as Paul makes clear in 1 Corinthians 10:14-21. In saving us, Christ saved us from the bondage of idolatry, and so triumphed over those “gods” (demons), thus “crushing the serpent’s head” (Genesis 3:15), thwarting His work to spoil the purposes of God for man through sin, and destroying Satan’s kingdom.

Colossians 2:13–15 ^{ESV}

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Jesus has triumphed over all the "gods" of this age; this is our hope and the basis of our assurance.

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

(Trinity Hymnal #310)

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?'"

* 1 Kings 18

Part 3

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.

"od, My King, Thy Might Confessing"

(Trinity Hymnal #5)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Tribute is what is offered to kings because of their majesty and because of the protection and blessing they provide from wise rule. God, as the one true God and King, is supremely worthy of our tribute as part of our worship of Him, since He has infinite majesty and rules in perfect wisdom.

Psalm 72:8–11 ESV

- ⁸ *May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!*
- ⁹ *May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!*
- ¹⁰ *May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!*
- ¹¹ *May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!*

"O God, Your Judgments Give the King"

(Trinity Hymnal #312, v. 1,3)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*We conclude our worship today praising the God who provides everything
needful for our lives, and is the only One who could.*

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Trinity Hymnal #53)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

May 11, 2025

"Models of Dominion XVIII — 'Will the Real God Please Stand Up?' Part 3 (Mike Biggs)

I Kings 18

Introduction:

How must Christians embody God's grace as part of their prophetic ministry to the world?

I. *We must reject the myth of secularism.*

A. The idea of secularism.

B. The ubiquity of worship.

II. We must *understand the motivation for idolatry*.

A. The essence of idolatry.

B. The dynamics of idolatry.

C. The issue of sovereignty.

D. The need for repentance

III. We must *address idolatry through subversion*.

A. Expose the idols.

B. Demonstrate their failure.

C. Present Christ's liberation.

— 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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