



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 4, 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

The psalm introduced by the first five verses which call us to worship today celebrates the goodness of the Lord to all of His creation, citing blessings which we often take for granted.

Psalm 33:1–5 *ESV*

- ¹ Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Psalm 81

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Our hymn of praise celebrates the great things that God has done, especially in behalf of His covenant people.

"To God Be the Glory"

(Trinity Hymnal #55)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The admonition and command here is essentially to remember the goodness of God, and to forget not the fact that our prosperity is His good gift, leading to the obedience of gratitude.

Deuteronomy 8:17–20 *ESV*

"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ You shall remember the Lord your God,

for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This appeal for grace to deal with our enemies (especially our spiritual ones) both acknowledges our sin and appeals to God for grace to overcome them, while also acknowledging and honestly wrestling with the fact that God answers our prayers according to His own timetable.

Responsive reading, Psalm 13

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 787–8)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our assurance is based not only on the grace of God which is generally and consistently displayed, but also in the fact that He has promised to answer our prayers for mercy and forgiveness.

Isaiah 55:6, 7 ^{ESV}

- ⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The friendship of Jesus with us who trust in Him is demonstrated in His willingness to respond in mercy and grace to our prayers.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #629)

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: 41–46

Part 2

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.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

(Trinity Hymnal #634)

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

(Trinity Hymnal #600)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The gifts we offer to God in worship are a testimony, a "proof" that God has cleansed us, and that we are thus grateful.

Matthew 8:1–4 ^{ESV}

"When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.""

(See Communion Hymns)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our worship today praising Jesus, the Friend of sinners who is "with us to the end."

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"

(Trinity Hymnal #498)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

May 4, 2025

"Models of Dominion XVIII — 'Will the Real God Please Stand Up?' Part 2 (Mike Biggs)

I Kings 18: 41–46

Introduction:

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

I. We must embody the grace of *everyday goodness*.

A. Recognition

B. Thankfulness.

II. We must embody the grace of *answered prayer*.

A. Posture and practice.

B. Promise and petition.

C. Providence and perseverance.

III. We must embody the grace of *divine guidance*.

A. The relationship between king and prophet.

B. The kindness from God to king.

— 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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