



CHRIST

– THE KING –

The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 26, 2021

"...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

We are called to rejoice because the Lord reigns, as opposed to anyone else whose reign would mean tyranny and curse rather than liberty and blessing.

Psalm 97 ESV

- ¹ The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
 let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
 righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- ³ Fire goes before him
 and burns up his adversaries all around.
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world;
 the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
 before the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
 and all the peoples see his glory.
- ⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
 who make their boast in worthless idols;
 worship him, all you gods!
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
 and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
 because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
 you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
 He preserves the lives of his saints;
 he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,
 and joy for the upright in heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
 and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We are called to join the assembly of those who ascend to the throne room, to participate in the joy and victory of Christ.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

(Trinity Hymnal #208)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God commands several things in this passage of His people as the proper response to His election and grace to them: obedience, love, service, fear, and faithfulness. But the heart of all of this is faithfulness to our covenant with Him, and the means to this is above all the guarding of our hearts from defilement (circumcision).

Deuteronomy 10:12–22 ESV

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this hymn we ask for the only One who can heal our sin to come and do it, echoing the longing of God's people throughout the ages.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(Trinity Hymnal #194)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The male child is the One who rules the nations with a rod of iron, and who enables us to overcome our accuser by His blood.

Revelation 12:1–11 ESV

Leader:This is the gospel.

Congregation:Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Rejoice as you sing at the “tidings” which inspired the “heavenly song” of the angels: “...for unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”.

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

(Trinity Hymnal #214)

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

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. These will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"There's No Place Like Home"

* Psalm 132

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.

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

(Trinity Hymnal #198)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God's "inexpressible gift" includes both the fundamental gift, God's Son, to us, and the gifts which it inspires us to give.

2 Corinthians 9:10–15 ESV

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God

because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others,¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

(*Trinity Hymnal #198*)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(*Trinity Hymnal #731*)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close today reminding each other to pay attention to ("Hark!") the announcement of the angels: "Glory to the newborn King!".

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

(*Trinity Hymnal #213*)

Benediction