



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 7, 2024

"...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

As conquerors in Christ, we are called to praise the King and proclaim all the ways (past, present, and future) in which he rules in righteousness.

Revelation 15:3–4 ESV

³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the Lord by singing of his rule and reign as King of all things. Pay special attention to the words of this hymn as they are a reflection from our sermon passage this morning.

"Jesus Shall Reign"

(Trinity Hymnal #441)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

All of Scripture points toward Christ. In this passage, Moses prophesies a future king and lays out a set of rules for all future kings. The King was not only supposed to lead Israel in battle and defeat her enemies, but he was also to rule in righteousness according to the law so that Israel would follow in righteousness. Solomon failed deeply according to these laws, but there is a better Solomon.

Deuteronomy 17:14–20 ESV

“When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’¹⁷ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.¹⁸ “And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests.¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.”

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess using this psalm all the ways in which we have rebelled against Christ our King and failed to walk in integrity before him.

Responsive reading, Psalm 101

(Trinity Hymnal p. 821)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The accuser has been defeated because Christ took on our sin and imputed to us his righteousness. This means the accuser has no argument against us. Our king has defeated all enemies!

Revelation 12:10 ^{ESV}

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

*Since Jesus is the King of all things, we can live kingdom lives as saints.
We sing this reality by meditating on the King of Glory.*

"For All the Saints"

*For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*O may Thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
The King of glory
passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...*

*From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia*

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, 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

(John Robert Biggs)

"New Year, Same King"

* Psalm 72

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The Lord has provided for us richly, and we imitate Christ and his generosity in giving according to the blessing which we have received.

Deuteronomy 16:17 ^{ESV}

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

"When in His Might the Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #360)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We respond to God's word by expressing an attitude of praise to Jesus who will be praised through all the ages forevermore.

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

(Trinity Hymnal #167)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

January 7, 2024

"New Year, Same King"

(John Robert Biggs)

Psalm 72

Introduction:

Since Jesus is the King of all things, how can we live a kingdom life?

I. We can live a kingdom life by being thankful (past).

II. We can live a kingdom life by praying (present).

III. We can live a kingdom life by hoping (future).

— 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)

CoreValues (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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