



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 5, 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 today to rejoice because the Lord is King

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

Jesus' Name is the Name above every name, vested with ultimate authority and the power to back it up; therefore, we praise Him with joy, because His rule is righteous and just.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

(Trinity Hymnal #297)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The stubborn horse or mule resists the control of its master, which is for its own good. We are commanded not to emulate their senseless stubbornness, but rather to submit in enlightened reverence to the God who loves us and leads us in the way everlasting.

Psalm 32:8, 9 ^{ESV}

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess and repent of our failures to submit to the wise rule of the God who loves us, particularly as it is expressed through His designated covenantal representatives.

O God, our most merciful, sovereign Lord, we humbly confess that we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have each of us turned to his own way. We have neglected to recognize your absolute authority in our lives by rebelling in many ways against those to whom you have delegated that authority. We have disrespected those in positions of authority in government. We have failed to take heed to the admonitions of church officers. We have failed

adequately to care for and listen to elderly parents. In these and many other ways we have offended your holy law and, like Israel of old, rejected you as King over us. But you, O Lord, are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. Remember your covenant, O our God, remember that we are weak and sinful, and by your mighty power grant to us not only pardon for these and our other transgressions, but also the resolve, vision, and strength to obey you and all the authorities you institute, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our faith in the Name of Jesus puts us in the position of sons, with all of the attendant implications of that status, as we shall see in today's sermon.

John 1:1–18^{ESV}

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We ask the same question as our text for today does: why do the nations rage? That text gives God's answer, which we rehearse and in which we rejoice as we sing.

"O Wherefore Do the Nations Rage"

(Trinity Hymnal #314)

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)

"The Hope in Sovereignty"

* Psalm 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.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(Trinity Hymnal #194)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The proper response to the coming of the true King is to worship Him with gifts, which we now do as we present to Him our tithes and offerings.

Matthew 2:1–11 ESV

"Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor" (Trinity Hymnal #230)

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 remembering the birth of the King and its ultimate significance, both for us and for the world.

"Once in Royal David's City"

(Trinity Hymnal #225)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

December 5, 2021

"The Hope in Sovereignty"

Psalm 2

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What helpful concepts does the Advent of Christ address for us as Christians?

I. The Advent of Christ addresses *the central issue of history*, vv. 1-6.

A. The treason of man.

B. The response of God.

II. The Advent of Christ addresses *God's answer to the issue*, vv. 6-9.

A. The Kingdom's powerful establishment.

B. The Kingdom's inevitable triumph.

III. The Advent of Christ addresses the necessary response for redemption, vv. 10-12

A. The prospect of wrath.

B. The blessing of refuge.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: