



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 21, 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 bless the God who gives dominion to His people and blesses the work of our hands.

Psalm 144 ESV

¹ Blessed be the LORD, my rock, [Leader]
who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for battle;

² he is my steadfast love and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield and he in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples under me.

³ O LORD, what is man that you regard him,
or the son of man that you think of him?

⁴ Man is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.

⁹ **I will sing a new song to you, O God;** [Congregation]
upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,

¹² **May our sons in their youth
be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars
cut for the structure of a palace;**

¹³ **may our granaries be full,
providing all kinds of produce;
may our sheep bring forth thousands
and ten thousands in our fields;**

¹⁴ **may our cattle be heavy with young,
suffering no mishap or failure in bearing;
may there be no cry of distress in our streets!**

¹⁵ **Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!
Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!**

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We call each other to praise God because he lavishes upon us good things in His goodness.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Trinity Hymnal #53)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

This proverb has to do with boundary stones that marked the inheritance that God had allotted to various tribes and families, indicating the importance of property as a gift of God, and of not violating the properly conceived right of ownership.

Proverbs 22:28 ^{ESV}

Do not move the ancient landmark
that your fathers have set.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We appeal for mercy to the one who owns us, though we are worthy of contempt.

Responsive reading, Psalm 121

(Trinity Hymnal p. 831)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Because Jesus has redeemed us through His blood, two things are now true: first, He owns us, and second, we have an eternal inheritance as children of God.

Hebrews 9:11–15^{ESV}

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We praise our Redeemer, who has paid for our sins and who, at His coming, will deliver to us the delegated authority over the nations and all the earth He has promised (Matthew 5:5; Revelation 2:26, 27; 3:21).

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

(Trinity Hymnal #173)

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)

"Attacks on Dominion: Laws about Property"

* Exodus 22:1–15

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.

"To You, O Lord, I Fly"

(Trinity Hymnal #692)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

As the people of Israel gave out of the abundant blessing of God to them for the building of the Temple, so we give today in the same spirit for the building of the True Temple, the body of Christ, through the work of the Great Commission entrusted to His Church.

I Chronicles 29:9 ESV

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

(Trinity Hymnal #116)

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 with a hymn of thanksgiving for all God has given us, fitting not only at this time of year, but always.

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

(Trinity Hymnal #715)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

November 21, 2021

"Attacks on Dominion: Laws about Property"

Exodus 22:1–15

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What must we understand from God's law about property and attacks on it?

I. We must understand the scriptural *theology* of the *role* of property undergirding God's law.

A. Property and Dominion

B. Property and Tyranny

II. We must understand the just *consequences* of *invasion* of property under God's law.

A. Theft

B. Pollution

III. We must understand the just *principles of respect* of property under God's law.

A. Safekeeping

B. Borrowing.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: