

Christ Church

*Worshiping Christ and equipping God's people
to extend His Lordship
down through our generations
and out into the world.*

**The Lord's Day
Covenant Renewal Service
December 27, 2015**

By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. Hebrews 13:15

Prelude and Silent Prayer

God Calls Us to Worship: Psalm 96:1-4a

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. AMEN

Crown Him with Many Crowns
(Hymn 295)

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for Thee,
And hail Him as Thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.
Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet**

Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity. AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD.

Congregation: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Leader: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Congregation: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre.

Leader: Praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute,

Congregation: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Congregation: Praise the LORD. AMEN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 201

Confession of Sin:

1 John 1:5-6

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. AMEN

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Lord Jesus, we sin.

Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it,

Never be content with self,
Never think we can reach a point of perfection.
Kill our envy, command our tongues,
Trample down self.
Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,
To live for Thee and not for self,
To copy Thy words, acts, spirit,
To be transformed into Thy likeness,
To be consecrated wholly to Thee,
To live entirely to Thy glory
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross that we might die to sin and live in righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

What Child Is This

Hymn 213

Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of the Apostles Creed

**We believe that Jesus Christ
—true God, Son of the Father from eternity,
and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary—is our Lord. He has redeemed us,
lost and condemned persons,
saved us at great cost from sin, death,
and the power of the devil,
not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent
suffering and death.**

**All this He has done that we may be His own,
live under Him in His kingdom,
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most
certainly true. AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

James 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. AMEN

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures:

Luke 2:22-40

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon:

“A Light for Revelation to the Gentiles”

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn 218

God Communes with Us

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us pray.

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation:

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal; Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn 224

God Commissions Us 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Elder: And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. AMEN

Benediction

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Hymn 737