

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
January 31, 2016

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. Psalm 103:17-18

Prelude and Silent Prayer

God Calls Us to Worship:

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us and the truth of the Lord endures forever. AMEN

Holy, Holy, Holy!

(Hymn 100)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! 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

Psalm 40C

Book of Psalms for Singing

Confession of Sin:

Psalm 19:12-13

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. AMEN

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God. Congregation: Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,

to the glory of Your Name. **AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1

*My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **AMEN***

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Beneath the Blood-Stained Lintel Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel, I with my children stand; A messenger of evil is passing through the land. There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face; Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel shall be our hiding place.

The Lamb of God has suffered, our guilt and sin He bore. By faith, His blood is sprinkled above our dwelling's door. The foe who seeks to enter doth fear that sacred sign. Tonight the blood-stain'd lintel shall shelter me and mine.

My Savior, for my dear ones, I claim Thy promise true. The lamb was "For the household" – The children's savior too. On earth the little children once felt Thy touch divine. Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel, Thy blessing give to mine.

O Thou Who gave them, guard them, those wayward little feet: The wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet. My parent love is helpless, I trust them to Thy care. Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel, O keep them ever there.

The trust I place upon Thee, Thou wilt not disappoint; With wisdom, Lord, to train them, my shrinking heart anoint. Without my children, Father, I cannot bear Thy face. I plead the blood-stain'd lintel, Thy covenant of grace.

O, Wonderful Redeemer, Who suffered for my sake, When o'er the guilty nations, Thy judgment storm shall break, With joy from that safe shelter, may

we then see Thine eye. Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel, my children, Lord, and

I.
AMEN

Baptism:

Elliana Faith Diamond

Intercessory Prayer

Psalm 34:2-4

*My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall
hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought
the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 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:

Acts 8

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.* **Congregation:** **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon:

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Hymn 455

God Communes with Us

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

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

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation:

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in Your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table.

But You are the same Lord;

You ever love to show mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink His cup,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him,

and He in us. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Be Thou my Vision

Hymn 642

God Commissions Us 2 Thessalonians 1:11b-12

Elder: ...we pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

Benediction

Gloria Patri

Hymn 735