

**Christ Church Liturgy**  
**March 20, 2016**

**Meditation**

If I say, “Yes, I forgive, but I cannot forget,” as though the God, who twice a day washes all the sands on all the shores of all the world, could not wash such memories from my mind, then I know nothing of Calvary love. ~Amy Carmichael

**God Calls Us to Worship**

Mark 11:9b-10

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! **AMEN**

**I Sing the Almighty Power of God – Trinity Hymnal 119**

I sing th’almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where’er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There’s not a plant or flow’r below but makes your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that man can be, you, God are present there. **AMEN**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 146**

Leader: Praise the LORD.

**Congregation: Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

Leader: I will praise the LORD all my life;

**Congregation: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

**Congregation: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them —the LORD, who remains faithful forever.**

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**Congregation: The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind,**

Leader: the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

**Congregation: The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

Leader: The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**Congregation: Praise the LORD.**

**Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul**

**Hymn 57**

**1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes,  
nor for help on man depend;  
he shall die, to dust returning,  
and his purposes shall end.**

**2 Happy is the man that chooses  
Israel's God to be his aid;  
he is blessed whose hope of blessing  
on the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,  
seas and all that they contain;  
he delivers from oppression,  
righteousness he will maintain.**

**3 Food he daily gives the hungry,  
Sets the mourning prisoner free,  
raises those bowed down with anguish,  
makes the sightless eye to see.  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,  
and the stranger he befriends,**

helps the fatherless and widow,  
judgment on the wicked sends.

4 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever,  
through all ages he is King;  
unto him, your God, O Zion,  
joyful hallelujahs sing. AMEN

### Confession of Sin

Ephesians 5:25b-27

...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. AMEN

### Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

*Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

**Congregation:** Lord, we confess that there is no one righteous, no, not one. No one understands, no one seeks for God. We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. So to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. O Lord God, in You do we trust. Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth, and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we do wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love. Remember not our sins and transgressions; according to Your steadfast love, remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! 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!

1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;  
yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,  
David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
by his Son God now has spoken:  
'tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,  
was there ever grief like his?  
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning,  
foes insulting his distress;  
many hands were raised to wound him,  
none would interpose to save;  
but the deepest stroke that pierced him  
was the stroke that Justice gave.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly  
nor suppose the evil great  
here may view its nature rightly,  
here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed,  
see who bears the awful load;  
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation,  
here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,  
his the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,  
sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded. AMEN

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**

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **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:                      Zechariah 9:9-13

The Sermon:

“Zechariah and Passion”

**What Wondrous Love Is This            Hymn 261**

**1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on! AMEN**

**God Communes With Us**

*Congregation:*

**O Lord our God, thank you for lifting our heads, raising us up, and seating us  
at this your table as royal sons and daughters of your kingdom. Thank you  
for the grace that is given here. Thank you for this reminder of our  
redemption, this food for our faith, and this hope for our future. Fix our eyes  
on the One who invites us here and gives Himself to us that we may feed on  
and with Him. May we eat this bread with joy and drink this wine with a  
merry heart knowing that God has already accepted our works. May we taste  
and see that the Lord is good. AMEN**

**The King of Glory Comes**

**Hymn 240**

**Refrain**

**The King of glory comes,  
The nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him,  
Lift up your voices.**

**Who is the King of glory?  
What shall we call him?  
He is Immanuel,  
The promised of ages. [Refrain]**

**In all of Galilee,  
In city or village,  
He goes among his people,  
Curing their illness. [Refrain]**

**He gave his life for us,  
The pledge of salvation.  
He took upon himself  
The sin of the nations. [Refrain]**

**He conquered sin and death;  
He truly has risen.  
And he will share with us  
His heavenly kingdom. [Refrain]  
AMEN**

**God Commissions Us**

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**AMEN**

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**

**Hymn 162, verse 5**

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,  
And unwearied praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore!  
AMEN