

# CHRIST CHURCH

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

COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP Lord's Day, August 21, 2016 9:30 AM

## Meditation

O Lord, enable me this morning to worship You sincerely and in truth.

Help me, Father, to receive again Your gracious service to me in the Word and Sacraments. Assist me also so that I can give to You the kind of praise and adoration appropriate to the One who loves me, sent His Son to die for me, and continues to provide all things for me.

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods. **AMEN** *Psalm 95:1-3*

### Come, Christians, Join to Sing

### Trinity Hymnal 302

Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!

he is our Guide and Friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
on heaven's blissful shore,  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!" AMEN

### Responsive Reading

### Psalm 22:27-31

**Leader:** All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

**Congregation:** For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.

**Leader:** All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;

**Congregation:** All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him,  
even he who cannot keep himself alive.

**Leader:** A posterity shall serve Him.  
It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,

**Congregation:** They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will  
be born, that He has done this. AMEN

### From All That Dwell below the Skies

### Trinity Hymnal 7

From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise;  
let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;  
to every land the strains belong.  
In cheerful sound all voices raise  
and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends your word.  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
till suns rise and set no more. AMEN

## Confession of Sin

You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." **AMEN**  
*Hebrews 12:4-6*

### Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Congregation: O most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You;  
We humbly confess our sins, and implore Your mercy.  
We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently;  
Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justly, nor loved mercy,  
Nor walked humbly with You, our God.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord,  
According to Your loving-kindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,  
Blot out our iniquity.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God;  
And renew a right spirit within us.  
Cast us not away from Your presence,  
And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation,  
And uphold us with your free Spirit.  
In Jesus' name, AMEN**

### Assurance of Pardon

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. **AMEN**  
*Hebrews 12:7, 28*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

### Trinity Hymnal 30

1 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

5 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
with all their lives and cares,  
are carried downward by your flood,  
and lost in foll'wing years.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

7 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home. **AMEN**

## Confession of Faith

## The Scots Confession, Chapter 1

**Congregation:** We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to Whom alone we must cleave,  
Whom alone we must serve,  
Whom only we must worship,  
and in Whom alone we put our trust.  
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.  
By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,  
visible and invisible to have been created,  
to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence  
for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,  
and to the manifestation of His own glory. **AMEN**

## Intercessory Prayer

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**

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

## Leader Prays

**Congregation:** 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

Hebrews 4:14-16

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon Eric Venable "The Meaning of Christian Suffering"

For All the Saints

Trinity Hymnal 358

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! **AMEN**

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Elder: God is good!

**Congregation: All the time!**

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

**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

### And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Trinity Hymnal 455

1 And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Refrain*

Amazing love! How can it be

that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound  
the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.  
*Refrain*

3 He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
humbled himself (so great his love!)  
and bled for all his chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for, O my God, it found out me!  
*Refrain*

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
*Refrain*

5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. *Refrain AMEN*

## God Commissions Us

He has shown you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justly,  
To love mercy,  
And to walk humbly with your God? **AMEN**

*Micah 6:8*

## Benediction

### Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

### Trinity Hymnal 737

Christ, we do all adore thee,  
and we do praise thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore thee,  
and we do praise thee forever;  
for on the holy cross hast thou  
the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee,

and we do praise thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore thee. **AMEN**