

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, October 30, 2016 9:30 AM

Meditation

Where God is not recognized and obedience to Him is not required before all things; there peace is not peace, justice is not justice, and that which should be profitable brings injury instead.

Martin Bucer

God Calls Us to Worship

Let them shout for joy and be glad,
Who favor my righteous cause;
And let them say continually,
“Let the Lord be magnified,
Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”
And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness
And of Your praise all the day long. AMEN

Psalms 35:27-28

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Trinity Hymnal 310

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above. Refrain

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n. Refrain

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet. Refrain

5 Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home. Refrain
AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Congregation: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light!
Praise Him, you heavens of heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for He commanded and they were created.

Leader: He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths; fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word; mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars;

Congregation: Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl;
kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Congregation: And He has exalted the horn of His people,
the praise of all His saints – of the children of Israel,
a people near to Him. Praise the Lord! AMEN

Psalm 148

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 From heav'n O praise the LORD;
Ye heights His glory raise.
All angels, praise accord; let all His host give praise.
Praise Him on high, sun, moon, and star,

Sun, moon, and star, Ye heav'ns afar,
And cloudy sky.

2 Yea, let them glorious make
Jehovah's matchless name;
For when the word He spake they into being came.
And from that place where fixed they be,
Where fixed they be, by His decree
They cannot pass.

3 From earth O praise the LORD,
Ye deeps and all below;
Wild winds that do His word,
Ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow;
Ye mountains high, Ye cedars tall.
Ye cedars tall, Beasts great and small,
And birds that fly.

4 Let all the people praise,
And kings of every land;
Let all their voices raise
Who judge and give command.
By young and old, by maid and youth,
By maid and youth, His name in truth
Should be extolled.

5 Jehovah's name be praised
Above the earth and sky.
For He His saints has raised
And set their power on high.
Him praise accord, O Israel's race,
O Israel's race, near to His grace.
Praise ye the LORD. AMEN

Confession of Sin

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. AMEN
2 Corinthians 5:10-11

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 You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit,
To be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to You,
To live entirely to Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. AMEN
2 Corinthians 5:17 & 21

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

How Firm a Foundation

Trinity Hymnal 94

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake." AMEN

The Nicene Creed

Trinity Hymnal, page 846

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Intercessory Prayer

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every
weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set
before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set
before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the
throne of God. AMEN

Hebrews 12:1-2

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

James 1:19-27

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Matthew Carpenter

“Becoming a Well-Rounded Christian, Part II”

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Trinity Hymnal 585

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing,
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee. AMEN

God Communes With Us

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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: 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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal 642

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all. AMEN

God Commissions Us

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. AMEN

James 1:21-22

Benediction

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Trinity Hymnal 385

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,

with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again. AMEN