

## **Christ Church**

Worshiping 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, January 1, 2017

## **Meditation**

“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

## **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

## **O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

## **TRINITY HYMNAL 208**

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the King of angels.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light;  
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created. Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
glory to God in the highest. Refrain

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. Refrain  
AMEN

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

## **ISAIAH 9:2-7**

**Leader:** The Lord reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment.

**Congregation:** He will judge the world in righteousness; He will govern the peoples with justice.

**Leader:** The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**Congregation:** Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

**Leader:** Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion;

**Congregation:** Proclaim among the nations what He has done. AMEN

**GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN**

**TRINITY HYMNAL 211**

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we were gone astray.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

2 From God our heav'nly Father,  
a blessed angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the son of God by name. Refrain

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel,  
"let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior  
of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's pow'r and might." Refrain

4 The shepherds at those tidings  
rejoiced much in mind,  
and left their flocks a-feeding,  
in tempest, storm, and wind:  
and went to Bethlehem straightway,  
the Son of God to find. Refrain  
AMEN

**Confession of Sin**

Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces

repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. AMEN  
2 Corinthians 7:9-10

### **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**

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.  
AMEN Micah 7:18-19

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN**

**TRINITY HYMNAL 162**

1 Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the Source, the Ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

2 O that birth forever blessed,  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race;  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,

first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

3 This is he whom heav'n-taught singers  
sang of old with one accord,  
whom the Scriptures of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!

4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
ev'ry voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

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

### Confession of Faith

### The Nicene Creed

**Congregation: 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**

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. AMEN Ephesians 6:18

### **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

### **God Consecrates Us With His Word**

**The Reading of The Scriptures: JAMES 3:1-12**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon: "Controlling the Fire in our Mouths" MATTHEW CARPENTER**

**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR TRINITY HYMNAL 200**

1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heav'n's all-gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains

they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hast'ning on,  
by prophet bards foretold,  
when with the ever-circling years  
comes round the age of gold;  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing. AMEN

#### **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.

**Congregation: Merciful Father, we lift our eyes from the visible elements  
even as we lift up our hearts to heaven itself, where Jesus Christ seated on the right  
hand of the Father, from where He shall come again to complete our redemption,  
in whom all the promises of God are fulfilled,  
and all spiritual blessings are to be found.  
In joy of heart, in brotherly union,  
in Christian love we come to partake of Your table,  
giving thanks for the great love which You have shown to us  
through Christ our Lord. AMEN**

#### **The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

**JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME**

**TRINITY HYMNAL 195**

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing

and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.  
AMEN

### **God Commissions Us**

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. AMEN  
1 Timothy 6:12

### **Benediction**

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**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**TRINITY HYMNAL 162**

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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

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