

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, January 29, 2017 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

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. AMEN
I Chronicles 16:23-25

Come, Thou Almighty King

Trinity Hymnal 101

1 Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To the great One in Three
eternal praises be,
hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore. AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 98

Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.
The Lord has made known His salvation;
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

Congregation: He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, with
trumpets and the sound of a horn;
shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;

Congregation: Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills be joyful together before the Lord,
for He is coming to judge the earth.
With righteousness He shall judge the world,
and the peoples with equity. AMEN

Psalm 98A

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 O sing a new song to the LORD
For wonders He has done;
For wonders He has done;
His right hand and His holy arm
(parts) The victory have won.

2 The great salvation wrought by Him

Jehovah has made known,
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
(parts) He openly has shown.

3 He mindful of His grace and truth
To Isr'el's house has been,
To Isr'el's house has been.
The great salvation of our God
(parts) All ends of earth have seen.

4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD
And make a joyful sound,
And make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice aloud to Him;
(parts) Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

5 With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp a psalm O sing,
With harp a psalm O sing!
With horn and trumpet raise a shout
(parts) Before the LORD, the King.

6 Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde,
The world, its living horde.
Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
(parts) Their joy before the LORD!

7 Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
(parts) All men with equity. AMEN

Confession of Sin

I say then: walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. AMEN
Galatians 5:16-17

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

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. AMEN Galatians 5:24-25

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Trinity Hymnal 457

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wanderings to thee.

bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it -
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above. 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

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The Reading of the Scriptures

Acts 15:36-16:40

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon:

Joel McDurmon "Five Trials of Active Servants of God"

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Trinity Hymnal 369

1 Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;
through distant lands his triumphs spread;
and sinners, freed from endless pains,
own him their Savior and their Head.

2 He calls his chosen from afar,
they all at Zion's gates arrive;
those who were dead in sin before
by sovereign grace are made alive.

3 Gentiles and Jews his laws obey;
nations remote their offerings bring,
and unconstrained their homage pay
to their exalted God and King.

4 O may his holy church increase,
his Word and Spirit still prevail,
while angels celebrate his praise,
and saints his growing glories hail.

5 Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb,
from all below, and all above!
In lofty songs exalt his name,
in songs as lasting as his love. 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: 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

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. AMEN
Colossians 3:16-17

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