

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, March 5, 2017 9:30 AM

Meditation

What makes life worthwhile is having a big enough objective, something which catches our imagination and lays hold of our allegiance, and this the Christian has in a way that no other person has. For what higher, more exalted, and more compelling goal can there be than to know God?
J.I. Packer

Leader: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: The Lord bless you!

God Calls Us to Worship

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.
For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the waters.
Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation. AMEN

Psalm 24:1-5

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

Trinity Hymnal 12

1 Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim;
all ye his servants, praise his name,
who in the Lord's house ever stand
and humbly serve at his command.
The Lord is good, his praise proclaim;
since it is pleasant, praise his name;
his people for his own he takes

and his peculiar treasure makes.

2 I know the Lord is high in state,
above all gods our Lord is great;
the Lord performs what he decrees,
in heav'n and earth, in depths and seas.
He makes the vapors to ascend
in clouds from earth's remotest end;
the lightnings flash at his command;
he holds the tempest in his hand.

3 Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim;
all ye his servants, praise his name,
who in the Lord's house ever stand
and humbly serve at his command.
Forever praise and bless his name,
and in the church his praise proclaim;
in Zion is his dwelling place;
praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace. AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 2

Leader: Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the
earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD
and against His Anointed, saying,

Congregation: "Let us break Their bonds in pieces
and cast away Their cords from us."

Leader: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.

Congregation: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
and distress them in His deep displeasure:

Leader: "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

Congregation: I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me,

Leader: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give
You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's
vessel."

Congregation: Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
be instructed, you judges of the earth.

Leader: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling; Kiss the Son, lest He
 be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little.

Congregation: Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. AMEN

Psalm 2

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 Why do heathen nations rage?
Why do peoples folly mind?
Kings of earth in plots engage,
Rulers are in league combined;
Then against Jehovah high,
And against Messiah's sway,
"Let us break their bands", they cry,
"Let us cast their cords away."

2 But the Lord will scorn them all;
He will laugh Who sits on high.
Then His wrath will on them fall;
Sore displeased He will reply:
"Yet according to My will
I have set My King to reign,
And on Zion's holy hill
My Anointed I'll maintain."

3 His decree I will make known:
Unto me the Lord did say,
"Thou art My beloved Son;
I've begotten Thee this day.
Ask of Me, and Thee I'll make
Heir to earth and nations all;
Them with iron Thou shalt break,
Dashing them in pieces small."

4 Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear;
Hearken, judges of the earth;
Serve the Lord with godly fear;
Mingle trembling with your mirth.
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn,
Lest ye perish in the way,
For His anger soon will burn.
Blessed are all that on Him stay. AMEN

Confession of Sin

And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments." AMEN

Daniel 9:4-5

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

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy... The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. AMEN Psalm 145:8, 14

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Trinity Hymnal 32

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain
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

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you. AMEN
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

Doxology

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures

Mark 10:17-22

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: Mickey Schneider

“Marks of a Healthy Church: Commitment - All or Nothing”

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 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: It is truly appropriate and right that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our heavenly Father,
almighty everlasting God.

But it is especially fitting that we should now,
gathered around this table,
thank You for Your gracious covenant promises to us in Christ.

Remember, Father, our Lord's humble birth,

His holy life, His innocent sufferings and death,
and His resurrection and ascension for us.

Faithfully keep Your covenant with us for Jesus' sake
and come now to nourish and equip us for service in Your kingdom.

By

Your Spirit make the body and blood of our Lord
life-giving nourishment for Your people;
in Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The God of Abraham Praise

Trinity Hymnal 34

1 The God of Abraham praise,

who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

2 The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

3 He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

4 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

5 There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

6 The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise. AMEN

God Commissions Us

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.
AMEN Mark 8:34-35

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