

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 26, 2017 9:30 AM

Meditation

The elect church is saved that she may save,
cleansed that she may cleanse,
blessed that she may bless.
C.H. Spurgeon

God Calls Us to Worship

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. AMEN
Psalm 67:5-7

O God, to Us Show Mercy

Trinity Hymnal 437

1 O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace;
cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face;
that so your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

2 O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;
in ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;
for you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,
and through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

3 O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing,
for earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,
and all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end. AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD.

Congregation: Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Leader: Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Congregation: Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise Him with the harp and lyre.

Leader: Praise Him with tambourine and dancing,
praise Him with the strings and flute,

Congregation: Praise Him with the clash of cymbals,
praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Congregation: Praise the LORD. AMEN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Trinity Hymnal 53

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee!

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous
wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health,
and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all
that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him. 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: 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

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. AMEN
1 Corinthians 15:19-22

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Amazing Grace

Trinity Hymnal 460

1 Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound -
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

5 And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

6 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun. AMEN

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hades.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN

Intercessory Prayer

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. AMEN Philippians 4:6-7

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

Psalm 78

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: Daniel Ferrill
“Links in the Covenant Chain”

We Are God's People

Trinity Hymnal 355

1 We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2 We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heav'n.

3 We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

4 We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire. 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: 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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Trinity Hymnal 345

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage? -
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city

I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know. 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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Trinity Hymnal 162

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