

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, April 2, 2017 9:30 AM

Meditation

Faith is ultimately a firm and certain knowledge of God's benevolence toward us, founded upon the truth of the freely given promise in Christ, both revealed to our minds and sealed upon our hearts by the Holy Spirit.
John Calvin

God Calls Us to Worship

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, ...for you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done. AMEN
Psalm 92:1-2,4

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Trinity Hymnal 77

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy goes.

4 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,

blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the High Eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace. AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth,
who have set Your glory above the heavens!

Congregation: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies,
that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

Leader: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

Congregation: What is man that You are mindful of him,
and the son of man that You visit him?

Leader: For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
and You have crowned Him with glory and honor.

Congregation: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,

Leader: All sheep and oxen – even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! AMEN

Psalm 8B

The Book of Psalms for Singing

1 LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Your name!

You above the heav'ns have set
The splendor of Your fame.
From the mouths of infants young
You the power of praise compose
In the face of enemies
To stop avenging foes.

2 When I view the skies above
Which Your own fingers made,
When I see the moon and stars
Which You in order laid,
What is man so frail and weak
That You should remember him?
What can be the son of man
That You should care for him?

3 Next to God You have made man,
With light and honor crowned.
You placed him above Your works;
Beneath him all is found:
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts,
Birds, and fish the oceans claim.
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Your name. AMEN

Confession of Sin

Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me; for I am poor and needy. ...Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I
cry to You all day long. AMEN Psalm 86:1,3

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: O almighty God,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus;
we acknowledge that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace.
We have not believed Your promises; nor trusted in our living Lord.
Through worldliness of spirit,
our eyes have been kept from discerning His presence with us.
Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit,
our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard His Word.

We have not trusted in His redeeming power,
and have been overcome of evil.
We have forgotten the glad tidings of His peace.
But now in penitence we come to you, beseeching Your forgiveness.
Mercifully grant us absolution from all our sins,
and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation;
for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. AMEN
Psalm 86:12-13

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

It Is Well with My Soul

Trinity Hymnal 691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought!
- my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures

James 5:17-18

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: Walking by Faith
Matthew Carpenter

Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

Trinity Hymnal 628

1 Come, my soul, thy suit prepare:
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
he himself has bid thee pray,
therefore will not say thee nay;
therefore will not say thee nay.

2 Thou art coming to a King,
large petitions with thee bring;
for his grace and pow'r are such,
None can ever ask too much;
none can ever ask too much.

3 With my burden I begin:
"Lord, remove this load of sin;
let thy blood, for sinners spilt,
set my conscience free from guilt;
set my conscience free from guilt.

4 "Lord, I come to thee for rest,
take possession of my breast;
there thy blood-bought right maintain,
and without a rival reign;
and without a rival reign.

5 "While I am a pilgrim here,
let thy love my spirit cheer;
as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,

lead me to my journey's end;
lead me to my journey's end.

6 "Show me what I have to do,
ev'ry hour my strength renew:
let me live a life of faith,
let me die thy people's death,
let me die thy people's death." 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: Thanks be to You, O God,
For Your presence and Your purpose,
For Your lovingkindness and Your steadfast Spirit.
May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith,
Increase our generosity, and unify our hearts,
For we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Trinity Hymnal 604

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing:
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
strong men and maidens meek,
raise high your free, exulting song;

God's wondrous praises speak. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth! Refrain

4 Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end,
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Then on, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. Refrain
AMEN

God Commissions Us

... Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. AMEN
2 Peter 1:5b-8

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