

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 23, 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

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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trinity Hymnal 302

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
he is our Guide and Friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!

life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore,
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!" AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 96:1-9

Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.

Leader: For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.

Congregation: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

Leader: Honor and majesty are before Him;
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Congregation: Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
give to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Give to the Lord the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Congregation: Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Tremble before Him, all the earth. AMEN

Psalm 96A

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 O sing a new song to the LORD;
All earth sing to the LORD.
Sing to the LORD, and bless His name;
"He saves!" each day proclaim.
His glory to all nations show;
His deeds let peoples know.

2 The LORD is great. How great His praise!
Above all gods He's feared.
For heathen gods are idols vain;
The LORD the heavens made.
Before Him honor, majesty,
And strength and splendor be!

3 O families of earth, ascribe
All glory to the LORD!
All strength ascribe unto the LORD;
The glory of His name
Give to the LORD.
To His courts come
And bring an offering. AMEN

Confession of Sin

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. AMEN
I John 1:5-6

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

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. AMEN 1 John 2:1

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!
1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

Trinity Hymnal 535

2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee. 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

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, ...I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. AMEN
1 Timothy 2:5-6, 8

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

Acts 18:1-22

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: Kingdom Occupations
Joel McDurmon

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns
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.

Trinity Hymnal 369

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: 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

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God
Now blessed be the Lord our God,
the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works
in glory that excel.

Trinity Hymnal 11

And blessed be his glorious name
to all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill.
Amen, so let it be.

His wide dominion shall extend
from sea to utmost sea,
and unto earth's remotest bounds
his peaceful rule shall be.

Yea, all the kings shall bow to him,
his rule all nations hail;
he will regard the poor man's cry
when other helpers fail. AMEN

God Commissions Us

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. AMEN I Corinthians 15:58

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