

# Christ Church

**Worshiping 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, September 10, 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

## God Calls Us to Worship

O Lord, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, for You have done  
wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. AMEN              Isaiah 25:1

O Worship the King

Trinity Hymnal 2

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;

and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise. 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

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. AMEN

Psalm 19:12-13

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 merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. ...As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. AMEN  
Psalm 103:8, 12

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 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

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"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." AMEN                            Matthew 18:19-20

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

Philippians 1:1-20

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A Community Commitment to Christ  
Justin Wallick

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground  
1 Christ, of all my hopes the ground,  
Christ, the spring of all my joy,  
still in you may I be found,  
still for you my pow'rs employ,  
still for you my pow'rs employ.

Trinity Hymnal 518

2 Let your love my heart inflame;  
keep your fear before my sight;  
be your praise my highest aim;  
be your smile my chief delight,  
be your smile my chief delight.

3 Fountain of o'erflowing grace,  
freely from your fullness give;  
till I close my earthly race,  
may I prove it "Christ to live,"

may I prove it "Christ to live."

4 Firmly trusting in your blood,  
nothing shall my heart confound;  
safely I shall pass the flood,  
safely reach Immanuel's ground,  
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

5 Thus, O thus, an entrance give  
to the land of cloudless sky;  
having known it "Christ to live,"  
let me know it "gain to die,"  
let me know it "gain to die." 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: Merciful Father,  
we lift our eyes from the visible elements  
even as we lift up our hearts to heaven itself, where Jesus Christ is,  
on the right hand of the Father, seated  
from where He shall come again to complete our redemption,  
in whom all the promises of God are fulfilled,  
and all spiritual blessings are to be found.  
In joy of heart, in brotherly union,  
in Christian love we come to partake of Your table,  
giving thanks for the great love which You have shown to us  
through Christ our Lord. AMEN

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns  
1 Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;

Trinity Hymnal 369

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 off'rings 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 Commissions Us

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. AMEN                   Philippians 1:9-11

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