

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, December 31, 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

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory
among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is also
to be feared above all gods. **AMEN**

I Chronicles 16:23-25

Let All Things Now Living

Trinity Hymnal 125

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us,
his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 His law he enforces;
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise! **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Leader: The Lord reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment.

**Congregation: He will judge the world in righteousness;
He will govern the peoples with justice.**

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**Congregation: Those who know Your name will trust in You,
for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion;

Congregation: Proclaim among the nations what He has done. AMEN

Psalm 9B

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 Sing praise to the Lord,
Who in Zion does dwell;
Among all the peoples
His great doings tell.
When blood He avenges,
His memory is clear;
The cry of the poor
Never fades from His ear.

2 Lord see what I suffer
From malice and hate;
Have mercy! O lift me
Away from death's gate,
That I with the daughter
Of Zion may voice
Your praises, and in
Your salvation rejoice.

3 The nations are sunk
in the pit they prepared;
Their foot in the net
which they hid is ensnared.
The Lord by His judgement
has made Himself known,
He by their own works
Has the wicked o'erthrown.

4 The wicked to death's
dark abode shall be brought,
And all of the nations
who God have forgot.
Forgotten no longer
the cause of the weak;
Nor perished forever
The hope of the meek.

5 Rise, Lord, that mere man
may not make himself strong;

Let nations be judged
In your presence for wrong.
Strike terror within them,
O Lord, always then
Let nations know truly
That they are mere men. **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** *1 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

What Child Is This

Trinity Hymnal 213

1 What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.
AMEN

Confession of Faith

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1

Congregations: 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

Revelation 18:21-24

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Things Fall Apart Peter Leithart

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Trinity Hymnal 207

1 Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart, and soul, and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart, and soul, and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart, and soul, and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!
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: **We do not presume to come to this Your table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in Your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table.
But You are the same Lord;
You ever love to show mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink His cup,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body,
and our souls washed through His most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. AMEN**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As with Gladness Men of Old

Trinity Hymnal 226

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,

thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King. **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** *1 Corinthians 15:58*

Benediction

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be.
world without end. Amen, amen. **AMEN**

Trinity Hymnal 735