

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 2, AD 2018 10:00 AM

Meditation

“When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field is man's food.

Deuteronomy 20:19

God Calls Us to Worship

The earth is Yahweh's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters. Who may ascend into the hill of Yahweh? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from Yahweh, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. **AMEN**

Psalms 24:1-5

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Trinity Hymnal 195

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:

Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love. **AMEN**

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 25:1-6

Leader: To You, O Yahweh, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You.

Congregation: Let me not be ashamed. Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Leader: Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed. Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

Congregation: Show me Your ways, O Yahweh. Teach me Your paths.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth and teach me. For You are the God of my salvation. On You I wait all the day.

Congregation: Remember, O Yahweh, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old. AMEN

Psalm 25A

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 To Thee I lift my soul,
O Lord; I trust in Thee,
My God; let me not be ashamed
Nor foes exult o'er me.
Yea, none that wait on Thee
Shall be ashamed at all;
But those that wantonly transgress,
Upon them shame shall fall.

2 Show me Thy ways, O Lord;
Thy paths, O teach Thou me;
And do Thou lead me in Thy truth;
Therein my teacher be.
For Thou art God that dost
To me salvation send,
And I upon Thee all the day
Expecting do attend.

3 Thy tender mercies, Lord,
To mind do Thou recall,
And loving-kindnesses, for they
Have been through ages all.
My sins of youth, my faults
Do Thou, O Lord, forget;
In loving-kindness think on me
And for Thy goodness great. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Yahweh. Good and upright is Yahweh; therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of Yahweh are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. **AMEN**

Psalm 25:7-10

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

“Behold, the days are coming,” says Yahweh, “that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: YAHWEH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” **AMEN**

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Trinity Hymnal 196

2 Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3 Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend,
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4 Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne. **AMEN**

Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of the Apostles Creed

Congregation: We believe that Jesus Christ

**—true God, Son of the Father from eternity,
and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary—is our Lord.
He has redeemed us, lost and condemned persons,
saved us at great cost from sin, death, and the power of the devil,
not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood
and His innocent suffering and death.
All this He has done that we may be His own,
live under Him in His kingdom,
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and
blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules
eternally. This is most certainly true. AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself...Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved! **AMEN**

Psalms 80:14-15, 19

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

Jeremiah 33:1-18

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Yahweh, the King of Righteousness
Justin Wallick

Psalm 98A

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 O sing a new song to the LORD
For wonders He has done,
For wonders He has done;
His right hand and His holy arm
(parts) The victory have won.

2 The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known,
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
(parts) He openly has shown.

3 He mindful of His grace and truth
To Isr'el's house has been,
To Isr'el's house has been.
The great salvation of our God
(parts) All ends of earth have seen.

4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD
And make a joyful sound,
And make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice aloud to Him;
(parts) Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

5 With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp a psalm O sing,
With harp a psalm O sing!
With horn and trumpet raise a shout
(parts) Before the LORD, the King.

6 Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde,
The world, its living horde.
Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
(parts) Their joy before the LORD!

7 Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
(parts) All men with equity. **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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Trinity Hymnal 311

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

2 He comes with comfort speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth;
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow.

4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blessed;
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever-
That name to us is Love. **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. **AMEN**

Romans 13:12-14

Benediction

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Trinity Hymnal 737

Christ, we do all adore Thee,
And we do praise Thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore Thee,
And we do praise Thee forever;
For on the holy cross hast Thou
The world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee,
And we do praise Thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore Thee. **AMEN**