

# 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 9, AD 2018 10:00 AM**

Meditation

Then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the Lord's side—come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

*Exodus 32:26*

## God Calls Us to Worship

Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You. All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name." Selah **AMEN**

*Psalm 66:1-4*

### **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

### **Trinity Hymnal 53**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er  
Have been granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous  
Wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health,  
And with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
Spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all  
That is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him. **AMEN**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**PSALM 85:1-7**

Leader: Yahweh, You have been favorable to Your land.

**Congregation: You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.**

Leader: You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people.

**Congregation: You have covered all our sin. Selah**

Leader: You have taken away all Your wrath.

**Congregation: You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.**

Leader: Restore us, O God of our salvation.

**Congregation: And cause Your anger toward us to cease.**

Leader: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

**Congregation: Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**

Leader: Show us Your mercy, Yahweh.

**Congregation: And grant us Your salvation. AMEN**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**Trinity Hymnal 194**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

3 O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

4 O come, Thou Day-spring from on high  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*  
**AMEN**

## Confession of Sin

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **AMEN** *Hebrews 10:19-22*

### Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus, we sin.**

**Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it,  
Never be content with self,  
Never think we can reach a point of perfection.  
Kill our envy, command our tongues, trample down self.  
Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,  
To live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit,  
To be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to You,  
To live entirely to Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

### Assurance of Pardon

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” **AMEN** *Isaiah 40:1-2*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## **Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

Trinity Hymnal 197

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover,  
And her warfare now is over.

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many a day  
Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.

3 For the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Bidding all men to repentance,  
Since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him,  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4 Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
Make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token,  
That His word is never broken. **AMEN**

## **Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of 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

Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” **AMEN**

*Psalm 50:14-15*

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

**Malachi 2:17-3:7b**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Coming to Keep the Covenant**  
*Justin Wallick*

### Psalm 72A

1 O God, Thy judgements give the King,  
His reigning son Thy righteousness;  
He to Thy people right shall bring,  
With justice shall Thy poor redress.

2 The heights shall bring prosperity,  
The hills bring peace by righteousness;  
He'll judge the poor, the wronged set free,  
And crush the men who them oppress.

### Book of Psalms for Singing

3 Till sun and moon no more are known  
They shall Thee fear in ages all;  
He'll come as rain on meadows mown  
And showers upon the earth that fall.

4 The just shall flourish in His day;  
While lasts the moon shall peace extend;  
From sea to sea shall be His sway,  
And from the Ri-ver to earth's end. **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: O Lord our God,**  
thank you for lifting our heads,  
raising us up,  
and seating us at this Your table  
as royal sons and daughters of Your kingdom.  
Thank you for the grace that is given here.  
Thank you for this reminder of our redemption,  
this food for our faith,  
and this hope for our future.  
Fix our eyes on the One who invites us here  
and gives Himself to us that we may feed on and with Him.  
May we eat this bread with joy  
and drink this wine with a merry heart  
knowing that God has already accepted our works.  
May we taste and see that the Lord is good. **AMEN**

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Christ Is Coming

1 Christ is coming! Let creation  
From her groans and travail cease;  
Let the glorious proclamation  
Hope restore and faith increase:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come, Thou blessed Prince of Peace.

### Trinity Hymnal 324

2 Earth can now but tell the story  
Of Thy bitter cross and pain;  
She shall yet behold Thy glory,  
When Thou comest back to reign:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Let each heart repeat the strain.

3 Long Thine exiles have been pining,  
Far from rest, and home, and Thee:  
But, in heav'nly vestures shining,  
They their loving Lord shall see:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Haste the joyous jubilee.

4 With that blessed hope before us,  
Let no harp remain unstrung;  
Let the mighty advent chorus  
Onward roll from tongue to tongue:  
"Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!" **AMEN**

## God Commissions Us

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God...Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN** *Romans 15:5-7, 13*

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**