

# 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 23, AD 2018 10:00 AM**

Meditation

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

*Isaiah 7:14*

## God Calls Us to Worship

Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them. His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever. He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. **AMEN**

*Psalm 111:1-4*

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**                      **Trinity Hymnal 208**

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light;  
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created.

*Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
Glory to God in the highest.

*Refrain*

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

*Refrain* **AMEN**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**PSALM 89:1-7**

Leader: I will sing of the mercies of Yahweh forever.

**Congregation: With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever."

**Congregation: "Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."**

Leader: "I have made a covenant with My chosen. I have sworn to My servant David:

**Congregation: 'Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations.' " Selah**

Leader: And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Yahweh

**Congregation: Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.**

Leader: For who in the heavens can be compared to the Yahweh?

**Congregation: Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to Yahweh?**

Leader: God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,

**Congregation: And to be held in reverence by all those around Him. AMEN**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

**Trinity Hymnal 214**

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echo back their joyous strains.

*Refrain:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

*Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

*Refrain* **AMEN**

## Confession of Sin

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. **AMEN** *Titus 2:11-14*

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Congregation: O, My Savior, I thank Thee from the depths of my being for Thy wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Thine own body on the tree. May Thy cross be to me as the tree that sweetens my bitter Marahs, as the rod that blossoms with life and beauty, as the brazen serpent that calls forth the look of faith. By Thy cross crucify my every sin. O my Lord and Savior, Thou hast also appointed a cross for me to take up and carry, a cross before Thou givest me a crown. Teach me, gracious Lord and Savior, that with my cross Thou sendest promised grace so that I may bear it patiently, that my cross is Thy yoke which is easy, and Thy burden which is light. AMEN**

## Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God.’ ”...By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **AMEN** *Hebrews 10:5-7, 10*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 40C

1 O LORD my God, how many are  
The wonders Thou hast done!  
How many are the gracious thoughts  
Which Thou toward us hast shown!  
No one can sort and set them out;  
None can compare to Thee!  
If I would tell and speak of them,  
They could not numbered be.

## Book of Psalms for Singing

2 No sacrifice of blood or meal  
Is what Thou hast desired;  
My ears Thou hast prepared to hear,  
No off'ring hast required.  
Then in response these were my words,  
"I come! Behold and see!  
Within the volume of the book  
It written is of me:

3 "To do Thy will I take delight,  
O Thou my God that art;  
Because that holy law of Thine  
Is deep within my heart."  
Within the congregation great  
I righteousness did preach;  
Behold, Jehovah, Thou dost know,  
I'll not restrain my speech.

4 I never have within my heart  
Concealed Thy righteousness;  
I Thy salvation have declared  
And shown Thy faithfulness.  
Thy mercy great, Thy steadfast love,  
I ever have revealed,  
And from the congregation great  
Thy truth have not concealed. **AMEN**

## The Nicene Creed

Trinity Hymnal, page 846

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **AMEN**

## **Intercessory Prayer**

But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory. **AMEN**

*1 Timothy 3:15-16*

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

**Matthew 1:18-25**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**The Birth to Save Us from Our Sins**  
*Justin Wallick*

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Trinity Hymnal 203**

*Refrain:*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Refrain*

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

*Refrain* 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: Almighty Father,  
Whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered,  
Did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood;  
Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in  
remembrance of Him,  
Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal;  
Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, world without end. AMEN**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **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 Commissions Us**

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen. **AMEN** *Romans 16:25-27*

Benediction

### **Gloria Patri**

**Trinity Hymnal 735**

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**