

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, January 6, AD 2018 10:00 AM

Meditation

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.
Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.

Psalm 72:10-11

God Calls Us to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. **AMEN**

Isaiah 60:1-5

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light. *Refrain*

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

Trinity Hymnal 218

5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One. *Refrain* AMEN

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 72:1-7

Leader: Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son.

Congregation: He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice.

Leader: The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

Congregation: He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy. And, He will break the oppressor in pieces.

Leader: They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

Congregation: He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth.

Leader: In His days the righteous shall flourish,

Congregation: And abundance of peace, until the moon is no more. AMEN

Psalm 72A

Book of Psalms for Singing

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.

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

Confession of Sin

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor are there any works like Your works. All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. AMEN

Psalm 86:6-9

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

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. AMEN *1 Peter 2:9-10*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Church's One Foundation

Trinity Hymnal 347

1 The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

6 Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. **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

To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. **AMEN** *Ephesians 3:10-12*

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 2:1-23

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Wealth of the Nations to the King
Justin Wallick

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 forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King. **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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to You we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem,
In Your birth at Bethlehem:

Refrain:

"You are Christ," by us confessed —
God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana, wedding guest,
In Your Godhead manifest,
You revealed Your power divine,
Changing water into wine, *Refrain*

3 Manifest in making whole
Weakened body, fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill: *Refrain*
AMEN

God Commissions Us

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **AMEN**

Matthew 5:14-16

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**