

Christ Church

**Worshiping 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, April 7, AD 2019 10:00 AM

Meditation

The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:2

God Calls Us to Worship

The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea. Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever. **AMEN**

Psalm 93

O Worship the King

1 O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6 O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,

Trinity Hymnal 2

With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Sursum Corda

Leader: Praise the LORD.

Congregation: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. In the beginning You
separated light from darkness, and placed all Your works in our hands.
You have given us the light of day that we might see
we say and do; You give us the gentle
rest from our burdens
Your wonders in all
darkness of the night that we might
and be refreshed in body and spirit.

**Congregation: Break through the darkness of our sins with the splendor of Your
mercy and love. Send Your light to dispel our fears and anxieties
and fill us with hope and joy.**

Leader: Glory, praise, and honor are Yours, O God, through Jesus Christ our
Lord,

Congregation: In the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN

Psalm 104A

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 My soul, bless the LORD!
LORD God, You are great!
With honor arrayed, majestic in state,
You cover Yourself with a garment of light
And stretch out the sky as a curtain by night.

2 The beams of Your courts in waters You laid;
On wings of the wind Your pathway You made.
The clouds are Your chariot; the winds do Your will;
The flames and the lightnings Your pleasure fulfill.

3 You set up the earth on foundations sure,
That always it should unshaken endure.
The deep like a garment about it You cast;
The waters stood high; over mountains they passed.

4 But at Your rebuke the high waters fled;
Your thunder they heard and fast away sped.
The mountains arose, and the valleys sank low;
The place You appointed for them now they know. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. **AMEN** *Psalm 51:7-12*

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: O, My Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your own body on the tree. May Your 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 Your cross crucify my every sin. O my Lord and Savior, You have also appointed a cross for me to take up and carry, a cross before You give me a crown. Teach me, gracious Lord and Savior, that with my cross You send promised grace so that I may bear it patiently, that my cross is Your yoke which is easy, and Your burden which is light. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

AMEN *1 Peter 3:18-22*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

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1 And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?

In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound
The depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
Refrain

3 He left His Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite His grace!),
Humbled Himself (so great His love!)
And bled for all His chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!
Refrain

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Refrain

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ,
My own. *Refrain* **AMEN**

The Nicene Creed

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**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

“For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains

shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the Lord, who has mercy on you. **AMEN** *Isaiah 54:9-10*

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

Genesis 8:1-22

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Death and Resurrection of the World *Justin Wallick*

God, the Lord, A King Remaineth

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1 God, the Lord, a King remaineth,
Robed in His own glorious light;
God hath robed Him and He reigneth;
He hath girded Him with might.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God is King in depth and height.

2 In her everlasting station
Earth is poised, to swerve no more:
Thou hast laid Thy throne's foundation
From all time where thought can soar.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lord, Thou art for evermore.

3 Lord, the water-floods have lifted,

Ocean floods have lift their roar;
Now they pause where they have drifted,
Now they burst upon the shore.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
For the ocean's sounding store.

4 With all tones of waters blending,
Glorious is the breaking deep;
Glorious, beauteous without ending,
God Who reigns on heav'n's high steep.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Songs of ocean never sleep.

5 Lord, the words Thy lips are telling
Are the perfect verity:
Of Thine high eternal dwelling
Holiness shall inmate be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Pure is all that lives with Thee. **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

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

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3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by Your flood,
And lost in foll'wing years.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

7 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. **AMEN** *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Benediction

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! **AMEN**

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