

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, September 22 AD 2019 10:00 AM

Meditation

“For then I will restore to the peoples a pure lip, that they all may call on the name of the Lord,
to serve Him with one accord.”

Zephaniah 3:9

God Calls Us to Worship

Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. Raise a song and strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the lute. Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob. This He established in Joseph as a testimony, when He went throughout the land of Egypt, where I heard a lip I did not understand. **AMEN**

Psalm 81:1-5

GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY

TRINITY HYMNAL 122

1 God, all nature sings Thy glory,
And Thy works proclaim Thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens,
Ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons,
Beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature
Praise the changeless Trinity.

2 Clearer still we see Thy hand
In man whom Thou hast made for Thee;
Ruler of creation's glory,
Image of Thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden,
All the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker
To the harvest feast of praise.

3 But our sins have spoiled Thine image;
Nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders
Of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy
In Thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know Thee,
In the blood of Jesus sealed.

4 God of glory, power, mercy,
All creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee
Now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness,
Grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices
Thy commandments to fulfill. **AMEN**

RESPONSIVE READING

REVELATION 5

Leader: Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals? Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

Congregation: You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals. For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God. And, we shall reign on the earth.

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!

Congregation: Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever! AMEN

BLESSING AND HONOR AND GLORY AND POWER

TRINITY HYMNAL 300

1 Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to Him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

2 Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with His name;
Ringeth the earth with His glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo His praises and tell of His power.

3 Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise—
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." **AMEN** *Isaiah 6:1-5*

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

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." **AMEN** *Isaiah 6:6-7*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

TRINITY HYMNAL 100

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! **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

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul. I cried to Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear. But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me! **AMEN** *Psalm 66:16-20*

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 11:1-26

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CITY UNITED IN FLESH AND LIP
JUSTIN WALLICK

Psalm 8B

The Book of Psalms for Singing

1 LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Your name!
You above the heav'ns have set
The splendor of Your fame.
From the mouths of infants young
You the power of praise compose
In the face of enemies
To stop avenging foes.

2 When I view the skies above
Which Your own fingers made,
When I see the moon and stars
Which You in order laid,
What is man so frail and weak
That You should remember him?
What can be the son of man
That You should care for him?

3 Next to God You have made man,
With light and honor crowned.
You placed him above Your works;
Beneath him all is found:
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts,
Birds, and fish the oceans claim.
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Your name! **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: Thanks be to You, O God,
for Your presence and Your purpose,
for Your lovingkindness and Your steadfast Spirit.
May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith,
increase our generosity, and unify our hearts,
for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. AMEN**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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**

God Commissions Us

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. **AMEN**

1 Timothy 6:11-19

BENEDICTION

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

TRINITY HYMNAL 162

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**