

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 22, AD 2019 10:00 AM

Meditation

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.

1 Timothy 3:16

God Calls Us to Worship

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, give to the Lord glory and strength. Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

AMEN *Psalms 96:1-9*

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, late in flesh appearing; *Refrain. AMEN*

Responsive Reading

Psalm 2:1-6

Leader: Why do the nations rage?

Congregation: And the people plot a vain thing?

Leader: The kings of the earth set themselves.

Congregation: And, the rulers take counsel together,

ALL: Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

Leader: "Let us break their bonds in pieces."

Congregation: "And cast away their cords from us."

Leader: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh.

Congregation: The Lord shall hold them in derision.

Leader: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath.

Congregation: And distress them in His deep displeasure.

ALL: "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion." AMEN

Psalm 2

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 Why do heathen nations rage?
Why do peoples folly mind?
Kings of earth in plots engage,
Rulers are in league combined;
Then against Jehovah high,
And against Messiah's sway,
"Let us break their bands," they cry,
"Let us cast their cords away."

2 But the Lord will scorn them all;
He will laugh Who sits on high.
Then His wrath will on them fall;
Sore displeased He will reply:
"Yet according to My will
I have set My King to reign,
And on Zion's holy hill
My Anointed I'll maintain."

3 His decree I will make known:
Unto me the Lord did say,
"Thou art My beloved Son;
I've begotten Thee this day.
Ask of Me, and Thee I'll make
Heir to earth and nations all;
Them with iron Thou shalt break,
Dashing them in pieces small."

4 Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear;
Hearken, judges of the earth;
Serve the Lord with godly fear;
Mingle trembling with your mirth.
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn,
Lest ye perish in the way,
For His anger soon will burn.
Blessed are all that on Him stay. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. **AMEN**
Galatians 4:4-7

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus, we confess that there is no one righteous, no, not one.
No one understands, no one seeks for God.
We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless;
no one does good, not even one. So to You, O Lord, do we lift up our
souls. O Lord God, in You do we trust. Make us to know Your ways,
O Lord; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth, and teach us,
for You are the God of our salvation; for You we do wait all the day long.
Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love.
Remember not our sins and transgressions; according to Your
steadfast love, remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!
AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. **AMEN** *Hebrews 1:1-4*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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**

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

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

AMEN *Hebrews 2:14-18*

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

John 1:1-18

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Coming of Grace and Truth
Justin Wallicke

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

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

See, amid the Winter's Snow

Trinity Hymnal 199

1 See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2 Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies:
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say -
What's your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep? *Refrain*

4 "As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing, 'Peace on earth,'
Told us of the Savior's birth." *Refrain*

5 Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this! *Refrain*

6 Teach, O teach us, holy child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility. *Refrain* **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **AMEN** *1 John 1:1-7*

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**