

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, March 8, AD 2020 10:00 AM

Meditation

He must increase, but I must decrease. *John 3:30*

God Calls Us to Worship

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger. When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen— even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! **AMEN** *Psalm 8*

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**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!

Congregation: Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving!

Congregation: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God,

Congregation: And the great King above all gods.

Leader: In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the heights of the hills are His also.

**Congregation: The sea is His, for He made it;
and His hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Congregation: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Leader: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,

Congregation: And the sheep of His hand. AMEN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trinity Hymnal 302

1 Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!" **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **AMEN** *Romans 6:1-2*

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Lord Jesus, we sin.

**Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it,
Never be content with self,
Never think we can reach a point of perfection.
Kill our envy, command our tongues, trample down self.
Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,
To live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit,
To be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to
You, To live entirely to Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. **AMEN** *Romans 6:3-6*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

O God Beyond All Praising

Trinity Hymnal 660

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

2 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. **AMEN**

The Baptism of Marion Islay Ferrill

Intercessory Prayer

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent. . . . But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God. Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help. **AMEN** *Psalm 22:1-2, 9-11*

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

Mark 2:18-22

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Suffering of Christ in the Body
Justin Wallick

Lift High the Cross

Trinity Hymnal 263

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee. *Refrain*

4 Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

5 For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne. *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: 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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Trinity Hymnal 420

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side;
Praise we Him Whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, Whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from the sky,
Pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee,
With the Spirit, ever be. **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard... **AMEN**

Colossians 1:19-23a

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**