

Christ Church

*Worshiping Christ and equipping God's people
to extend His Lordship
down through our generations
and out into the world.*

The Lord's Day
Covenant Renewal Service
February 14, 2015

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. — 1 Corinthians 13:1-2

Prelude and Silent Prayer

God Calls Us to Worship: Psalm 18:1-3 *I will love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. AMEN*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(Hymn 164) **O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace. My gracious
Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth
abroad The honors of thy name. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and
health and peace. He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the
pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for
me. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, Your loosen'd tongues
employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
AMEN** Responsive Reading: Psalm

22:27-31

Leader: *All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.*

Congregation: *For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.*

Leader: *All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;*

Congregation: *All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.* **Leader:** *A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,* **Congregation:** *They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this.*
AMEN

Psalm 22I

Book of Psalms for Singing

Confession of Sin:

Psalm 41:4, 10a

I said, "Lord, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You." O Lord, be merciful to me, and raise me up... AMEN

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: *Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.* **Congregation:** **O most merciful God,**
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You;
We humbly confess our sins, and implore Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently;
Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justly, nor loved mercy,

Nor walked humbly with You, our God.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, According to Your loving-kindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out our iniquity.
Create in us a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold us with your free Spirit.
In Jesus' name, AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 3:14, 16 *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death... By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. AMEN*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Nicene Creed

Hymn 508 The
Trinity Hymnal, Page 846

Intercessory Prayer

Psalm 102:1-2
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; incline Your ear to me; in the day that I call, answer me speedily. AMEN

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:

1 John 4:16

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon:

The Love of God

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Hymn 81

God Communes with Us

Leader: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

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

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Congregation:* It is truly appropriate and right That we should at all times and in all places Give thanks to You, O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty, everlasting God. But it is especially fitting that we should now, Gathered around this table, thank You For Your gracious covenant promises to us in Christ. Remember, Father, our Lord's humble birth, His holy life, His innocent sufferings and death, And His resurrection and ascension for us. Faithfully keep Your covenant with us for Jesus' sake And come now to nourish and equip us For service in Your kingdom. By Your Spirit make the body and blood of our Lord Life-giving nourishment for Your people; In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn 345

God Commissions Us Matthew 22:37b-39

... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **AMEN**

Benediction

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Hymn 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