

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 28, 2016**

O Lord, enable me this morning to worship You sincerely and in truth. Help me, Father, to receive again Your gracious service to me in the Word and Sacraments. Assist me also so that I can give to You the kind of praise and adoration appropriate to the One who loves me, sent His Son to die for me, and continues to provide all things for me.

Prelude and Silent Prayer

God Calls Us to Worship: Psalm 33:1, 3-5

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful... Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the Lord is right, and all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. AMEN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(Hymn 235)

**All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One!**

**The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present:
To Thee before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring! AMEN**

Leader: We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

Congregation: To Thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein. To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.”

Leader: The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee; the Father of an infinite majesty; Thine honourable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost the comforter.

Congregation: Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ; Thou are the everlasting Son of the Father... When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Leader: Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou has redeemed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

Congregation: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify Thee; we worship Thy Name ever, world without end. AMEN

Psalm 100A

Book of Psalms for Singing

Confession of Sin:

Psalm 143:1-2

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give hear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous. AMEN

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in Your sight, prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; my best services are filthy rags. Grant me to hear Your voice assuring me; that by Your stripes I am healed, that You were bruised for my iniquities, that You have been made sin for me that I might be righteous in You, that my grievous sins, my many sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Your concealing blood. I am guilty, but pardoned, lost, but saved, wandering, but found, sinning, but cleansed. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness, keep me always clinging to Your cross, flood me every moment with descending grace, open to me the springs of divine knowledge, sparkling like crystal, flowing clear and unsullied through my wilderness of life. **AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

I Peter 2:24

*And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross that we might die to sin and live in righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. **AMEN***

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Amazing Grace

Hymn 460

Selections from The Westminster Creed

I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions. **AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

James 5:13-16

*Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. **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:

Acts 9:1-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon:

“The Conversion of Paul”

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn 529

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.

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation:

O Lord our God, thank you for lifting our heads, raising us up, and seating us at this your table as royal sons and daughters of your kingdom. Thank you for the grace that is given here. Thank you for this reminder of our redemption, this food for our faith, and this hope for our future. Fix our eyes on the One who invites us here and gives Himself to us that we may feed on and with Him. May we eat this bread with joy and drink this wine with a merry heart knowing that God has already accepted our works. May we taste and see that the Lord is good. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Hymn 11

God Commissions Us 1 Corinthians 15:58

Elder: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. AMEN

Benediction

Gloria Patri

Hymn 735