

Christ Church Liturgy May 1, 2016

Meditation

God has called us to give Him honor and glory. Enter into His presence prepared to give Him that honor and glory. Praise Him with your whole heart. Let us lay our sins at His feet, and boldly enter before His throne with full assurance of our faith. Respond to His Word, and be a blessing to the nations. Feast upon His living waters that stream forth from His eternal love. Trust that He will bring all His good works to completion.

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**

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**

Responsive Reading: I Peter 2:9-17

Leader: But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Congregation: Who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

Leader: Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Congregation: Therefore, submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment

confess before Your divine majesty that we are poor, miserable sinners. But we are penitent, Lord, and we grieve because of our sins whereby we provoked Your wrath. We bring accusation against ourselves and lay transgression to our own charge. Make us bold to desire that You may, in mercy, regard our miseries. Have compassion on us, most merciful God and Father, and be pleased to forgive all our sins for the sake of the passion of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 12:7, 28

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ...Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Beneath the Blood-Stained Lintel

Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel, I with my children stand; a messenger of evil is passing through the land. There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face; beneath the blood-stain'd lintel shall be our hiding place.

The Lamb of God has suffered, our guilt and sin He bore. By faith, His blood is sprinkled above our dwelling's door. The foe who seeks to enter doth fear that sacred sign. Tonight the blood-stain'd lintel shall shelter me and mine.

My Savior, for my dear ones, I claim Thy promise true. The lamb was "for the household" – The children's savior too. On earth the little children once felt Thy touch divine. Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel, Thy blessing give to mine.

O Thou Who gave them, guard them, those wayward little feet: The wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet. My parent love is helpless, I trust them to Thy care. Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel, O keep them ever there.

The trust I place upon Thee, Thou wilt not disappoint; with wisdom, Lord, to train them, my shrinking heart anoint. Without my children, Father, I cannot bear Thy face. I plead the blood-stain'd lintel, Thy covenant of grace.

O, Wonderful Redeemer, Who suffered for my sake, when o'er the guilty nations, Thy judgment storm shall break, with joy from that safe shelter, may we then see Thine eye. Beneath the blood-stain'd lintel, my children, Lord, and I. AMEN

Baptism:

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Intercessory Prayer

Psalm 34:2-4

My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. **AMEN**

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**

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures:

Philippians 4:1-9

The Sermon:

"Life Together in the Twenty-First Century"

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn 38

**1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2 Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! **AMEN****

God Communes With Us

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

How Great Thou Art Hymn 44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!

Refrain

AMEN

God Commissions Us

Ephesians 4:1b-3

Elder: ...Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **AMEN**

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**