

Christ Church Liturgy, May 15, 2016

Meditation

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.

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**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

(Hymn 302)

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!

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!

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96

Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: 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.

Leader: For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

Congregation: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Leader: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Congregation: Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, give to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Congregation: Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. AMEN

Psalm 96A **Book of Psalms for Singing**

1 O sing a new song to the LORD;
All earth sing to the LORD.
Sing to the LORD, and bless His name;
“He saves!” each day proclaim.
His glory to all nations show;
His deeds let peoples know.

2 The LORD is great. How great His praise!
Above all gods He’s feared.
For heathen gods are idols vain;
The LORD the heavens made.
Before Him honor, majesty,
And strength and splendor be!

3 O families of earth, ascribe
All glory to the LORD!
All strength ascribe unto the LORD;
The glory of His name
Give to the LORD.
To His courts come
And bring an offering. AMEN

Confession of Sin: Romans 7:18-19, 22-24

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to

do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice... For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **AMEN**

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. **AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 7:24b-25a

Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord! **AMEN**

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Hymn 498

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!

Jesus! lover of my soul;

friends may fail me, foes assail me,

he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.

2 Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
Refrain

3 Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
he, my comfort, helps my soul.
Refrain

4 Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
he, my pilot, hears my cry.
Refrain

5 Jesus! I do now receive him,
more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine.
Refrain 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 Pilot; 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

Hebrews 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High
Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as
we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we
may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **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****

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures: **Matthew 14:1-21**

The Sermon: **“A Tale of Two Kings”**

164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 164

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad,
the honors of thy name.

3 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.

4 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.

5 He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6 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

God Communes With Us

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Hymn 535

1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee. AMEN

God Commissions Us

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Elder: And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and

to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.
AMEN

Benediction

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Hymn 737

**Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou
the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee. **AMEN****