

## Christ Church Liturgy, May 22, 2016

### Meditation

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. Psalm 103:17-18

### God Calls Us to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:28-29

Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! AMEN

### I Sing the Almighty Power of God – Trinity Hymnal 119

I sing th'almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that man can be, you, God are present there. AMEN

### Responsive Reading from the "Te Deum Laudamus"

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

**Congregation:** To You all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers there. To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory."

**Leader:** The glorious company of the apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You. The noble army of martyrs praise You. The holy Church

throughout all the world does acknowledge You; the Father of an infinite majesty;  
Your honourable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost the comforter.

**Congregation: You are the King of Glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father... When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You did open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.**

**Leader:** You sit at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that You shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray, help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.

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

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **Hymn 53**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him. AMEN

**Confession of Sin:** **1 John 1:5-6**

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is

light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **AMEN**

### **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**

1 Corinthians 15:19-22

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **AMEN**

**Leader:** Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

### **Amazing Grace**

**Hymn 460**

1 Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound -  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

5 And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

6 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun. AMEN

#### Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of the Apostles Creed

We believe that Jesus Christ  
—true God, Son of the Father from eternity,  
and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary—is our Lord. He has redeemed us,  
lost and condemned persons,  
saved us at great cost from sin, death,  
and the power of the devil,  
not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent  
suffering and death.  
All this He has done that we may be His own,  
live under Him in His kingdom,  
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,  
just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most  
certainly true. AMEN

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints. **AMEN**

### **God Consecrates Us with His Word**

The Reading of the Scriptures:      Philippians 2:1-11

The Sermon:                            “Exalted Service”

### **Christ Shall Have Dominion                    Trinity Hymnal 439**

**1 Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,  
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be;  
they that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring,  
kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.**

#### **Refrain**

**Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,  
earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.**

**2 When the needy seek him, he will mercy show;  
yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know;  
he will surely save them from oppression's might,  
for their lives are precious in his holy sight. Refrain**

**3 Ever and forever shall his name endure,  
long as suns continue it shall stand secure;  
and in him forever all men shall be blest,  
and all nations hail him King of kings confessed. Refrain**

**4 Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;  
he alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.  
Evermore, ye people, bless his glorious name,  
his eternal glory through the earth proclaim. Refrain    **AMEN****

### **God Communes With Us**

#### ***Congregation:***

**Almighty Father,  
Whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered,  
Did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood;  
Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of  
Him,  
Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal;**

**Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, world without end. AMEN**

**Let All Things Now Living**

**Hymn 125**

**1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us,  
his light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2 His law he enforces;  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise! AMEN**

**God Commissions Us**

**Micah 6:8**

**Elder:** He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? **AMEN**

**Benediction**

Of the Father's Love Begotten      Hymn 162, verse 5

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,  
And unwearied praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore!  
AMEN