

Christ Church Liturgy, June 5, 2016

Meditation

A God whom we could understand exhaustively, and whose revelation of Himself confronted us with no mysteries whatsoever, would be a God in man's image, and therefore an imaginary God, not the God of the Bible at all. – J.I. Packer

God Calls Us to Worship

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! **AMEN** Psalm 117

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – Trinity Hymnal 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

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

1 All ends of earth, remembr'ing Him,
Shall turn themselves unto the LORD.
The kindreds of the nations then
To Him their homage shall accord.
Because the LORD the kingdom owns
And rules above all earthly thrones.

2 The rich and mighty of the earth
Shall eat and low before Him bend,
And in His presence all shall bow
Who helpless to the dust descend,
The wretched who, although they strive,
Yet cannot keep their souls alive.

3 A seed shall rise to serve His will,
And to the age it shall be told
About our Lord; then they shall come
And shall His righteousness unfold
Unto a people yet unknown,

That this was done by Him alone.

AMEN

Confession of Sin

And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.” **AMEN** Daniel 9:4-5

****Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession****

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: O almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus; we acknowledge that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises; nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit, our eyes have been kept from discerning His presence with us. Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit, our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard His Word. We have not trusted in His redeeming power, and have been overcome of evil. We have forgotten the glad tidings of His peace. But now in penitence we come to you, beseeching Your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us absolution from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only mediator and advocate. **AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

“O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.” **AMEN** Daniel 9:8-9

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Trinity Hymnal 457

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it -
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

AMEN

The Scot's Confession, Chapter 1

Congregation:

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to Whom alone we must cleave,
Whom alone we must serve,
Whom only we must worship,
and in Whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent,
invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and
invisible to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such end as His
eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of His own glory. AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

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 Psalm 18:2-3

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**

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures: Acts 10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: A Kingdom Without Partiality

Notes

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns – Trinity Hymnal 369

1 Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;
through distant lands his triumphs spread;
and sinners, freed from endless pains,

own him their Savior and their Head.

2 He calls his chosen from afar,
they all at Zion's gates arrive;
those who were dead in sin before
by sovereign grace are made alive.

3 Gentiles and Jews his laws obey;
nations remote their offerings bring,
and unconstrained their homage pay
to their exalted God and King.

4 O may his holy church increase,
his Word and Spirit still prevail,
while angels celebrate his praise,
and saints his growing glories hail.

5 Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb,
from all below, and all above!
In lofty songs exalt his name,
in songs as lasting as his love.

AMEN

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.

Congregation:

Thanks be to You, O God,

For Your presence and Your purpose,

For Your lovingkindness and Your steadfast Spirit.

May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith,

**Increase our generosity,
And unify our hearts,
For we pray in the name of Jesus,
The Risen One. AMEN**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing – Trinity Hymnal 420

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

AMEN

God Commissions Us

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **AMEN** Matthew 28:18-20

Gloria Patri – Trinity Hymnal 735

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen. **AMEN**