

Christ Church Liturgy June 12, 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 145:1-3

I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. **AMEN**

O God beyond All Praising

Trinity Hymnal 660

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 128

Leader: Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways.

Congregation: When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

Leader: Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table.

Congregation: Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

Leader: The LORD bless you out of Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Congregation: Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!
AMEN

Psalm 128B

Book of Psalms for Singing

¹ Blessed the man that fears Jehovah
And that walketh in His ways;
Thou shalt eat of thy hands' labor
And be prospered all thy days.
Like a vine with fruit abounding
In thy house thy wife is found,
And like olive plants thy children,
Compassing thy table round,
And like olive plants thy children,
Compassing thy table round.

² Lo, on him that fears Jehovah
Shall this blessedness attend;
For Jehovah out of Zion
Shall to thee His blessing send.
Thou shalt see Jerus'lem prosper
All thy days till life shall cease;
Thou shalt see thy children's children,
Unto Israel be peace,
Thou shalt see thy children's children,
Unto Israel be peace. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin:

Psalm 32:1-4

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. **AMEN**

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, eternal and merciful God, we acknowledge and 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

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
AMEN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

1 Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin.
From earth-born passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me
With care and woe opprest;
Let me Thy loving servant be
And taste Thy promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be Thou my Health and Life.

4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray.
Through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Thy joy at last.

6 Lord Jesus, think on me
That I may sing above
To Father, Spirit, and to Thee
The strains of praise and love. **AMEN**

The Nicene Creed

Trinity Hymnal, Page 846

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**

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: Proverbs 2

The Sermon: “The Pursuit of Wisdom”

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Trinity Hymnal 597

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed. AMEN

God Communes With Us

Congregation:

We do not presume to come to this Your table,

O merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in Your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table.

**But You are the same Lord;
You ever love to show mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink His cup,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body,
and our souls washed through His most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. AMEN**

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Trinity Hymnal 11

1 Now blessed be the Lord our God,
the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works
in glory that excel.

2 And blessed be his glorious name
to all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill.
Amen, so shall it be.

3 His wide dominion shall extend
from sea to utmost sea,
and unto earth's remotest bounds
his peaceful rule shall be.

4 Yea, all the kings shall bow to him,
his rule all nations hail;
he will regard the poor man's cry
when other helpers fail. **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**