

Christ Church

Covenant Renewal Worship
Lord's Day, July 3, 2016
9:30 am

Meditation

True religion is sanctified common sense. Attention to the things of heaven does not necessitate the neglect of the affairs of earth; on the contrary, he who has learned how to transact business with God ought to be best able to do business with men.

Charles Spurgeon

God Calls Us to Worship

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. AMEN

I Chronicles 16:23-25

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Trinity Hymnal 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

Responsive Reading

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise
Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all
His hosts!

Congregation: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of
light!

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens and you waters above the
heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for He commanded and they were created.

Leader: He also established them forever and ever; He made a
decree which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all the depths; fire and hail, snow and
clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word; mountains and all hills,
fruitful trees and all cedars;

Congregation: Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl;
 kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the
earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone
is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Congregation: And He has exalted the horn of His people,
 the praise of all His saints – of the children of Israel,
 a people near to Him. Praise the Lord! AMEN

Psalm 148

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 From heav'n O praise the LORD;
Ye heights His glory raise.
All angels, praise accord; let all His host give praise.
Praise Him on high, sun, moon, and star,
Sun, moon, and star, Ye heav'ns afar,
And cloudy sky.

2 Yea, let them glorious make
Jehovah's matchless name;
For when the word He spake they into being came.
And from that place where fixed they be,
Where fixed they be, by His decree
They cannot pass.

3 From earth O praise the LORD,
Ye deeps and all below;
Wild winds that do His word,
Ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow;
Ye mountains high, Ye cedars tall.
Ye cedars tall, Beasts great and small,
And birds that fly.

4 Let all the people praise,
And kings of every land;
Let all their voices raise
Who judge and give command.
By young and old, by maid and youth,

By maid and youth, His name in truth
Should be extolled.

5 Jehovah's name be praised
Above the earth and sky.
For He His saints has raised
And set their power on high.
Him praise accord, O Israel's race,
O Israel's race, near to His grace.
Praise ye the LORD. AMEN

Confession of Sin

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back
Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion
over me. Then I shall be blameless,
And I shall be innocent of great transgression. AMEN
Psalm 19:12-13

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: O most merciful God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You;
 We humbly confess our sins, and implore Your mercy.
 We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently;
 Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
 We have not done justly, nor loved mercy,
 Nor walked humbly with You, our God.
 Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

According to Your loving-kindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out our iniquity.
Create in us a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold us with your free Spirit.
In Jesus' name, AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

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; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. AMEN

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Peter 2:9-10

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

We Are God's People

Trinity Hymnal 355

1 We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2 We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heav'n.

3 We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

4 We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire. AMEN

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

Congregation: 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

Intercessory Prayer

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

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal 642

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all. 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: Oh God of all good,
We bless You for Your means of grace.
You have prepared for us a feast.
And though we are unworthy to sit down as guests,
We wholly rest on the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ,
And we hide ourselves beneath His righteousness.
In the supper we remember His eternal love and boundless
grace;

We remember his infinite compassion and glorious redemption.
As the outward elements nourish our bodies,
So may Your indwelling Spirit invigorate our souls,
Until that day when we hunger and thirst no more,
And we sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Trinity Hymnal 427

1 Amidst us our Beloved stands,
and bids us view his pierced hands;
points to the wounded feet and side,
blest emblems of the Crucified.

2 What food luxurious loads the board,
when at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

3 If now, with eyes defiled and dim,

we see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace,
and bid us see him face to face!

4 O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
let every saint your glory see! AMEN

God Commissions Us

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you." AMEN
Proverbs 4:7-9

Benediction

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

