

Christ Church Liturgy, July 10, 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 18:1-3

I will love You, O Lord, my strength. 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**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal 92

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,

we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4 That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Trinity Hymnal 100

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! AMEN

Confession of Sin: Galatians 5:16-17

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **AMEN**

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Lord, we confess that there is no one righteous, no, not one. No one understands, no one seeks for God. We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. So to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. O Lord God, in You do we trust. Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth, and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we do wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love. Remember not our sins and transgressions; according to Your steadfast love, remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! **AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon Galatians 5:24-25

...Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **AMEN**

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Trinity Hymnal 335

**1 Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be;
and with words that help and heal
would thy life in mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek
would for Christ my Savior speak.**

**2 Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be;
and with wisdom kind and clear
let Thy life in mine appear;
and with actions brotherly
speak my Lord's sincerity.**

**3 Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be;
mighty so as to prevail,
where unaided man must fail;
ever by a mighty hope,
pressing on and bearing up.**

**4 Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would holy be;
separate from sin, I would
choose and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be
give to him who gave me thee! **AMEN****

Confession of Faith – 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

Ephesians 6:18

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: John 17:1-26

The Sermon: Jesus Prayer for His Church

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Trinity Hymnal 529

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit

into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise. 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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage? -
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know. AMEN

God Commissions Us

1 Corinthians 15:58

Elder: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in

the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. **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****