

Christ Church

Liturgy, July 17

Meditation

O Lord, enable me this morning to worship You sincerely and in truth.
Help me, Father, to receive again Your gracious service to me in the Word and Sacraments. Assist me also so that I can give to You the kind of praise and adoration appropriate to the One who loves me, sent His Son to die for me, and continues to provide all things for me.

God Calls Us to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the Lord is right, and all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. **AMEN**

Psalm 33:1, 3-5

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
he is our Guide and Friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore,
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!" **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Leader: Praise the LORD.

Congregation: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Trinity Hymnal 302

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. In the beginning You separated light from darkness, and placed all Your works in our hands. You have given us the light of day that we might see Your wonders in all we say and do; You give us the gentle darkness of the night that we might rest from our burdens and be refreshed in body and spirit.

Congregation: Break through the darkness of our sins with the splendor of Your mercy and love. Send Your light to dispel our fears and anxieties and fill us with hope and joy.

Leader: Glory, praise, and honor are Yours, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Congregation: In the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee Trinity Hymnal 80

1 Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee
for the bliss thy love bestows,
for the pard'ning grace that saves me,
and the peace that from it flows.
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
this dull soul to rapture raise;
thou must light the flame, or never
can my love be warmed to praise.

2 Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
wretched wand'rer far astray;
found thee lost, and kindly brought thee
from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
and, the light of hope revealing,
bade the blood-stained cross appear.

3 Praise thy Savior God that drew thee
to that cross, new life to give,
held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,
bade thee look to him and live.
praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,
roused thee from thy fatal ease;
praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,
praise the grace that whispered peace.

4 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling
vainly would my lips express;
low before thy footstool kneeling,
deign thy suppliant's pray'r to bless.
Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure,
love's pure flame within me raise;
and, since words can never measure,
let my life show forth thy praise. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

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**
1 John 1:5-6

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

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**
1 Corinthians 15:19-22

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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Trinity Hymnal 500

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee. 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

My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
AMEN *Psalm 34:2-4*

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

John 1:1-18

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon

Jacob Hanby “Making the Father Known”

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Trinity Hymnal 162

1 Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the Source, the Ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

2 O that birth forever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

3 This is he whom heav'n-taught singers
sang of old with one accord,
whom the Scriptures of the prophets

promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

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**

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: Merciful Father, we lift our eyes from the visible elements
even as we lift up our hearts to heaven itself, where Jesus Christ is,
seated on the right hand of the Father,
from where He shall come again to complete our redemption,
in whom all the promises of God are fulfilled,
and all spiritual blessings are to be found.
In joy of heart, in brotherly union,
in Christian love we come to partake of Your table,
giving thanks for the great love which You have shown to us
through Christ our Lord. AMEN**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

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

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

His wide dominion shall extend
from sea to utmost sea,

Trinity Hymnal 11

and unto earth's remotest bounds
his peaceful rule shall be.

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

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** *Micah 6:8*

Benediction

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Trinity Hymnal 385

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again. **AMEN**