

Christ Church

Liturgy, July 31

Meditation

What makes life worthwhile is having a big enough objective, something which catches our imagination and lays hold of our allegiance, and this the Christian has in a way that no other person has. For what higher, more exalted, and more compelling goal can there be than to know God?

J.I. Packer

God Calls Us to Worship

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; he removes kings and raises up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; he knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.

AMEN *Daniel 2:20b-22*

O Worship the King

Trinity Hymnal 2

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise. **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

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.

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.

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

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** *Psalm 32:1-4*

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

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 *Psalm 32:5*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

It Is Well With My Soul

Trinity Hymnal 691

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
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2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain

3 My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought!
- my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so" - it is well with my soul. Refrain
AMEN

Confession of Faith

Selections from the Westminster Creed

Congregation: I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,
in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth;
I believe there is but one true and living God;
that there are three persons in the Godhead:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
and that these three are one God,

the same in substance, equal in power and glory;
I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass;
that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power,
in the space of six days, and all very good;
and that God preserves and governs all His creatures
and all their actions. AMEN

Intercessory Prayer

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time... I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. AMEN

1 Timothy 2:5-6, 8

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

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The Reading of the Scriptures

Matthew 21:33-46

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Dave Shaw "The Gospel of the New Israel"

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

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Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us pray.

**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****

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Let All Things Now Living

Trinity Hymnal 125

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us,
his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 His law he enforces;
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise! **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God. **AMEN**

Matthew 5:6-8

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**