

CHRIST CHURCH

Worshipping Christ and equipping God's people to extend His Lordship
down through our generations
and out into the world.

COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP Lord's Day, September 11, 2016 9:30 AM

Meditation

All the flowers of the field, and many of the beasts of the plain, and now the very orbs of heaven, are turned into metaphors and symbols by which the glory of Jesus may be manifested to us. Where God takes such pains to teach, we ought to be at pains to learn.

Charles Spurgeon

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested. **AMEN**
Revelation 15:3b-4

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Trinity Hymnal 164

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad,

the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 2

Leader: Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

**Congregation: "Let us break Their bonds in pieces
and cast away Their cords from us."**

Leader: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.

**Congregation: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
and distress them in His deep displeasure:**

Leader: "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

Congregation: I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me,

Leader: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

**Congregation: Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
be instructed, you judges of the earth.**

Leader: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little.

Congregation: Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. AMEN

Psalm 2

Book of Psalms for Singing

Why do heathen nations rage?
Why do peoples folly mind?
Kings of earth in plots engage,
Rulers are in league combined;
Then against Jehovah high,

And against Messiah's sway,
"Let us break their bands", they cry,
"Let us cast their cords away."

But the Lord will scorn them all;
He will laugh Who sits on high.
Then His wrath will on them fall;
Sore displeased He will reply:
"Yet according to My will
I have set My King to reign,
And on Zion's holy hill
My Anointed I'll maintain."

His decree I will make known:
Unto me the Lord did say,
"Thou art My beloved Son;
I've begotten Thee this day.
Ask of Me, and Thee I'll make
Heir to earth and nations all;
Them with iron Thou shalt break,
Dashing them in pieces small."

Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear;
Hearken, judges of the earth;
Serve the Lord with godly fear;
Mingle trembling with your mirth.
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn,
Lest ye perish in the way,
For His anger soon will burn.
Blessed are all that on Him stay. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

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 *Galatians 5:16-17*

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

And 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
Galatians 5:24-25

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Trinity Hymnal 457

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it -
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above. 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

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 James 5:13-16

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

Acts 13:1-43

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Joel McDurmon “A New Mission Begins”

Jesus Shall Reign

Trinity Hymnal 441

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen! **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: 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

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 Commissions Us

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
AMEN *Hebrews 13:15-16*

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**