

CHRIST CHURCH

Worshiping 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 18, 2016 9:30 AM

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

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

Trinity Hymnal 115

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice with us and sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 O rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright
that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 98

Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.
The Lord has made known His salvation;
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

**Congregation: He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm,
and the sound of a horn;
shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;

with trumpets

**Congregation: Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills be joyful together before the Lord,
for He is coming to judge the earth.
With righteousness He shall judge the world,
and the peoples with equity. AMEN**

Psalm 98A

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 O sing a new song to the LORD
For wonders He has done;
For wonders He has done;
His right hand and His holy arm
(parts) The victory have won.

2 The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known,
Jehovah has made known.

His justice in the nations' sight
(parts) He openly has shown.

3 He mindful of His grace and truth
To Isr'el's house has been,
To Isr'el's house has been.
The great salvation of our God
(parts) All ends of earth have seen.

4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD
And make a joyful sound,
And make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice aloud to Him;
(parts) Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

5 With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp a psalm O sing,
With harp a psalm O sing!
With horn and trumpet raise a shout
(parts) Before the LORD, the King.

6 Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde,
The world, its living horde.
Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
(parts) Their joy before the LORD!

7 Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
(parts) All men with equity. **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**
I John 1:5-6

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Lord Jesus, we sin.

Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it,
Never be content with self,
Never think we can reach a point of perfection.
Kill our envy, command our tongues, trample down self.
Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,
To live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit,
To be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to You,
To live entirely to Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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!

It Is Well with My Soul

Trinity Hymnal 691

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;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

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*

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*

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

The Apostles' Creed

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hades.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

James 1:1-8

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Matthew Carpenter “Wisdom Through Trials”

Be Still, My Soul

Trinity Hymnal 689

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last. **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: O Lord our God, thank you for lifting our heads, raising us up,
and seating us at this your table as royal sons and daughters of your
kingdom.**

Thank you for the grace that is given here.
Thank you for this reminder of our redemption,
this food for our faith, and this hope for our future.
Fix our eyes on the One who invites us here
and gives Himself to us that we may feed on and with Him.
May we eat this bread with joy and drink this wine with a merry heart
knowing that God has already accepted our works.
May we taste and see that the Lord is good. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Arise, O God

Trinity Hymnal 442

1 Arise, O God, and shine
in all thy saving might,
and prosper each design
to spread thy glorious light:
let healing streams of mercy flow,
that all the earth thy truth may know,
that all the earth thy truth may know.

2 Bring distant nations near
to sing thy glorious praise;
let ev'ry people hear
and learn thy holy ways:
reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,
and govern by thy righteous laws,
and govern by thy righteous laws.

3 Send forth thy glorious pow'r,
that Gentiles all may see,
and earth present her store
in converts born to thee:
God, our own God, thy church O bless,
and fill the world with righteousness,
and fill the world with righteousness.

4 To God, the only wise,
the one immortal King,
let hallelujahs rise
from ev'ry living thing:
let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

God Commissions Us

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. **AMEN**

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Benediction

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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**

Trinity Hymnal 162