

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, October 23, 2016 9:30 AM

Meditation

Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world.

John Milton

God Calls Us to Worship

Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it!
Shout, you lower parts of the earth;
Break forth into singing, you mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!
For the Lord has redeemed Jacob,
And glorified Himself in Israel. AMEN

Isaiah 44:23

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Trinity Hymnal 53

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee!

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,

spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him. 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

1 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.

2 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.

3 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

“How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge. Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded.” AMEN
Proverbs 1:22-24

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

“The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.” Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. Then the Lord said: “I have pardoned, according to your word;” AMEN
Numbers 14:18-20

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on! 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

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass. AMEN

Psalm 37:3-5

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 1:19-27

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Matthew Carpenter

“Becoming a Well-Rounded Christian”

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Trinity Hymnal 644

1 May the mind of Christ my Savior
live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

2 May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his pow'r.

3 May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.

5 May his beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only him. 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

We Are God's People

Trinity Hymnal 355

1 We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2 We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heav'n.

3 We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

4 We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire. AMEN

God Commissions Us

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. AMEN
Philippians 1:9-11

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