

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, November 20, 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

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Trinity Hymnal 122

God, all nature sings thy glory,
and thy works proclaim thy might;
ordered vastness in the heavens,
ordered course of day and night;
beauty in the changing seasons,
beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature
praise the changeless Trinity,

Clearer still we see thy hand
in man whom thou hast made for thee;
ruler of creation's glory,
image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden,
all the labor of his days,
are the calling of his Maker
to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image,
nature, conscience only serve
as unceasing, grim reminders
of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy
in thy Word of truth revealed
claim the praise of all who know thee,
in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy,
all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee
now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness,
grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices
thy commandments to fulfill.
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, with
trumpets 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;

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

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: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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 first fruits 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!

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Trinity Hymnal 508

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,

still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.
3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name;
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity. 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

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. AMEN James 1:5-6

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

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The Reading of the Scriptures

Psalm 141

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Daniel Ferrill "Set a Guard"

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Trinity Hymnal 597

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed. 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

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Trinity Hymnal 468

1 My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.

2 Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him,
he'll never cast me out. Refrain

3 My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God,
salvation by my Savior's name,
salvation thro' his blood. Refrain

4 My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood He shed,
for me his life he gave. Refrain
AMEN

God Commissions Us

...Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. AMEN
Ephesians 4:1b-3

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