

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, December 25, 2016

Meditation

“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.” Isaiah 11:1-2

God Calls Us To Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

AMEN

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

TRINITY HYMNAL 224

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. Refrain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

3 Down in a lowly manger
our humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

AMEN

RESPONSIVE READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

Leader: Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Congregation: **And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.**

Leader: Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Congregation: **“And this will be the sign to you: You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”**

Leader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

Congregation: **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” AMEN**

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

TRINITY HYMNAL 207

1 Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart, and soul, and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart, and soul, and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart, and soul, and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!
AMEN

Confession of Sin

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you...”
AMEN

1 Corinthians 6:9-11a

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

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” AMEN Matthew 1:21

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

TRINITY HYMNAL 201

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel. AMEN

Confession of Faith

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1

**Congregation: We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to Whom alone we must cleave,
Whom alone we must serve,
Whom only we must worship,
and in Whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence
for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have
appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory. AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. AMEN
Philippians 4:6-7

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

God Consecrates Us With His Word

The Reading of The Scriptures: LUKE 2:7-20

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: "Let Earth Receive Her King"

DAVE SHAW

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

TRINITY HYMNAL 214

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee

Christ the Lord, the new-born King. Refrain
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: Almighty Father, Whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, Did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal; Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. AMEN

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

TRINITY HYMNAL 225

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3 And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

5 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,

we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.
AMEN

God Commissions Us

“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.” AMEN Luke 2:29-32

Benediction

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TRINITY HYMNAL 737

Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou
the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee,
and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee. AMEN