

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, January 8, 2017 9:30 AM

Meditation

The elect church is saved that she may save,
cleansed that she may cleanse,
blessed that she may bless.
C.H. 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 Worship the King

Trinity Hymnal 2

1 O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6 O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise. AMEN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 96:1-9

Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.

Leader: For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all
gods.

Congregation: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

Leader: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His
sanctuary.

Congregation: Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
give to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into
His courts.

Congregation: Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Tremble before Him, all the earth. AMEN

1 O sing a new song to the LORD;
All earth sing to the LORD.
Sing to the LORD, and bless His name;
“He saves!” each day proclaim.
His glory to all nations show;
His deeds let peoples know.

2 The LORD is great. How great His praise!
Above all gods He’s feared.
For heathen gods are idols vain;
The LORD the heavens made.
Before Him honor, majesty,
And strength and splendor be!

3 O families of earth, ascribe
All glory to the LORD!
All strength ascribe unto the LORD;
The glory of His name
Give to the LORD.
To His courts come
And bring an offering. AMEN

Confession of Sin

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. ... For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? AMEN
Romans 7:18-19, 22-24

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

Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!
AMEN Romans 7:24b-25a

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

We lift up as our shield God's name Trinity Hymnal 104

We lift up as our shield God's name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same:
the Three in One and One in Three,
our Rock and Tower, God of Light,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word;
we claim the name of grace and might: salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Immanuel, incarnate Lord,
from Mary's womb was given breath,
was baptized at the Jordan's ford,
and gave his life to conquer death.
He rose triumphant from the tomb,
was lifted to the Father's throne
to come on God's dread day of doom
and bring salvation for his own.

By faith we claim his grace today:
the pow'r of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to our need;
the wisdom of our God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give us speech,
his heav'nly host to be our guard. 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

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies. AMEN

Psalm 18:2-3

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

Revelation 1:1-20; 2:1-7

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Mickey Schneider "Christ Inspects His Churches"

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Trinity Hymnal 345

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage? -
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know. 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: Thanks be to You, O God,
For Your presence and Your purpose,
For Your lovingkindness and Your steadfast Spirit.
May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith,
Increase our generosity, and unify our hearts,
For we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As with Gladness Men of Old

Trinity Hymnal 226

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet

ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.
AMEN

God Commissions Us

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. AMEN Philippians 2:12-13

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