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, May 7, 2017 9:30 AM

Meditation

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.

Psalm 103:17-18

God Calls Us to Worship

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever;
Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."
"I have made a covenant with My chosen,
I have sworn to My servant David:
Your seed I will establish forever,
And build up your throne to all generations." Selah
And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. AMEN

Psalm 89:1-5

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above 1 All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth; by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right. Trinity Hymnal 4

To God all praise and glory!

3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling! For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling. For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God, with me. To God all praise and glory!

4 The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation; he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation. As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band. To God all praise and glory!

5 Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory! Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory! All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God! To God all praise and glory!

6 Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness; to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness: Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well, To God all praise and glory! AMEN

Responsive Reading

Te Deum Laudamus

Leader: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

All the earth does worship You, the Father everlasting.

Congregation: To You all angels cry aloud;

the heavens and all the powers there.

To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,

"Holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory."

Leader: The glorious company of the apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of

the prophets praise You. The noble army of martyrs praise You. The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You; the Father of an infinite majesty; Your honorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost the comforter.

Congregation: You are the King of Glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father...
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You did open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Leader: You sit at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that You shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray, help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.

Congregation: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your heritage.

Govern them and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify You;

we worship Your Name forever, world without end. AMEN

Psalm 145A 1 I will Thee praise, my God, O King, And I will ever bless Thy name; I will extol Thee every day And evermore Thy praise proclaim. Book of Psalms for Singing

2 The LORD is great; He praise exceeds; His greatness fully search can none; Race shall to race extol Thy deeds And tell Thy mighty acts each one.

3 Upon Thy glorious majesty And wondrous works my mind shall dwell; Men shall recount Thy dreadful acts, And of Thy greatness I will tell.

4 They utter shall abundantly The mem'ry of Thy goodness great, And shall sing praises cheerfully While they Thy righteousness relate. 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: 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

...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

Confession of Faith Selections from the Westminster Creed

Congregation: I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions. AMEN

Intercessory Prayer

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with

our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

AMEN

Hebrews 4:14-16

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 Hebrews 12:18-13:18, 1 Peter 4:7-11

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: Marks of a Health Church: Hospitality

Pastor Mickey Schneider

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: 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

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place 1 How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

2 While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?

3 "Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room, when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

4 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

5 Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come; send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

6 We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace. AMEN Trinity Hymnal 469

God Commissions Us

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. AMEN

Colossians 3:16-17

Benediction

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