

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, June 25, 2017 9:30 AM

Meditation

O Lord, enable me this morning to worship You sincerely and in truth.
Help me, Father, to receive again Your gracious service to me in the Word and Sacraments. Assist me also so that I can give to You the kind of praise and adoration appropriate to the One who loves me, sent His Son to die for me, and continues to provide all things for me.

God Calls Us to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! AMEN

Psalm 150

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Trinity Hymnal 76

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy goes.

4 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the High Eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace. 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

Psalm 98A

Book of Psalms for Singing

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

Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me; for I am poor and needy. ...Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry to You all day long. AMEN
Psalm 86:1,3

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

I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. AMEN
Psalm 86:12-13

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Trinity Hymnal 81

1 O love of God, how strong and true!
eternal and yet ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great,
far deeper than man's deepest hate;
self-fed, self-kindled like the light,
changeless, eternal, infinite.

2 O heav'nly love, how precious still,
in days of weariness and ill,
in nights of pain and helplessness,
to heal, to comfort, and to bless!
O wide-embracing, wondrous love!
We read you in the sky above,
we read you in the earth below,
in seas that swell, and streams that flow.

3 We read you best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame;
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.
We read your pow'r to bless and save,
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fulness of your might.

4 O love of God, our shield and stay
through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in thee we rest,
forever safe, forever blest.
We will exalt you, God and King,
and we will ever praise your name;
we will extol you ev'ry day,
and evermore your praise proclaim. AMEN

The Nicene Creed

Trinity Hymnal, page 846

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Intercessory Prayer

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. AMEN James 5:16

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

Judges 13

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: The Battle is Not to the Strong
Daniel Ferrill

For All the Saints

Trinity Hymnal 358

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia! 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: O Lord our God,
thank you for lifting our heads,
raising us up,
and seating us at this your table
as royal sons and daughters of your kingdom.
Thank you for the grace that is given here.
Thank you for this reminder of our redemption,
this food for our faith,
and this hope for our future.
Fix our eyes on the One who invites us here
and gives Himself to us that we may feed on and with Him.
May we eat this bread with joy
and drink this wine with a merry heart
knowing that God has already accepted our works.
May we taste and see that the Lord is good. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Trinity Hymnal 604

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing:
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
strong men and maidens meek,
raise high your free, exulting song;
God's wondrous praises speak. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth! Refrain

4 Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end,
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Then on, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. Refrain
AMEN

God Commissions Us

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord. AMEN Jeremiah 9:23-24

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