

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 14, 2018 9:30 AM

Meditation

“To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father
is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.”

Martin Luther

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

O God beyond All Praising

Trinity Hymnal 660

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of 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**

Psalm 96A

Book of Psalms for Singing

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

Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. **AMEN**
2 Corinthians 7:9-10

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

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. **AMEN** *Micah 7:18-19*

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

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **AMEN** *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

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

Luke 2:39-52

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A People for Glory
Justin Wallick

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power **Trinity Hymnal 300**

1 Blessing and honor and glory and power,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore
give ye to him who our battle hath won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

2 Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;
oceans and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo his praises and tell of his power.

3 Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
ever descendeth the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise —
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness, but rising to reign. **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

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 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

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**