

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, August 12, AD 2018 9:30 AM

Meditation

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.
Isaiah 9:6-7

God Calls Us to Worship

The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea. Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever. **AMEN** *Psalm 93*

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 distills 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 1

Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

Congregation: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Leader: He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

Congregation: The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Congregation: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. AMEN

Psalm 1A

Book of Psalms for Singing

1 O greatly bless-ed is the man
Who walketh not astray
In counsel of ungodly men,
Nor stands in sinners' way,

2 Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair,
But placeth his delight
Upon God's law, and meditates
On His law day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree that grows
Set by the waterside,
Which in its season yields its fruit,
And green its leaves abide;

4 And all he does shall prosper well.
The wicked are not so,
But are like chaff which by the wind
Is driven to and fro.

5 In judgement therefore shall not stand
Such as ungodly are,
Nor in th'assembly of the just
Shall wicked men appear.

6 Because the way of godly men
Is to Jehovah known;
Whereas the way of wicked men
Shall quite be overthrown. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

AMEN *1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

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

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." **AMEN**

Revelation 5:8-10

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Trinity Hymnal 455

1 And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound
The depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

Refrain

3 He left His Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite His grace!),

Humbled Himself (so great His love!)
And bled for all His chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!

Refrain

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ,
My own. *Refrain* **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

For He testifies: “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”... Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. **AMEN** *Hebrews 7:17, 25*

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

Mark 4:26-34

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Thy Kingdom Come...and Coming *Justin Wallick*

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Trinity Hymnal 369

1 Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;
Through distant lands His triumphs spread;
And sinners, freed from endless pains,
Own Him their Savior and their Head.

2 He calls His chosen from afar,
They all at Zion's gates arrive;
Those who were dead in sin before
By sovereign grace are made alive.

3 Gentiles and Jews His laws obey;
Nations remote their offerings bring,
And unconstrained their homage pay
To their exalted God and King.

4 O may His holy church increase,
His Word and Spirit still prevail,
While angels celebrate His praise,
And saints His growing glories hail.

5 Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb,
From all below, and all above!
In lofty songs exalt His name,
In songs as lasting as His love. **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 God, You are the Creator and Lord of all things.
You are the Sovereign Majesty whom we have offended.
You are our most loving and merciful Father,
Who has given Your Son to reconcile us to Yourself;
Who has ratified the covenant of grace with His most precious
blood, and has instituted this holy sacrament to be celebrated in
remembrance of Him till His coming.
Sanctify these elements which, according to Your institution and
command, we set apart to this holy use,
that they may be sacramentally the body and blood of
the Son Jesus Christ. AMEN**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Trinity Hymnal 469

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**

God Commissions Us

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. **AMEN**

Jude 1:24-25

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**