

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, December 16, AD 2018 10:00 AM

Meditation

Be silent in the presence of the Lord God; for the day of the Lord is at hand, for the Lord has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.

Zephaniah 1:7

God Calls Us to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being...The Lord shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord! **AMEN**

Psalms 146:1-2, 10

Psalm 145A

Book of Psalms for Singing

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.

2 The LORD is great; His 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**

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 126

Leader: When Yahweh brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Congregation: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing.

Leader: Then they said among the nations, “Yahweh has done great things for them.”

Congregation: Yahweh has done great things for us, and we are glad.

Leader: Bring back our captivity, O Yahweh, as the streams in the South.

Congregation: Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Leader: He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing,

Congregation: Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. AMEN

The King of Glory Comes

Trinity Hymnal 240

Refrain

The King of glory comes,
The nation rejoices.
Open the gates before Him,
Lift up your voices.

1 Who is the King of glory?
What shall we call Him?
He is Immanuel,
The promised of ages. *Refrain*

2 In all of Galilee,
In city or village,
He goes among His people,
Curing their illness. *Refrain*

3 He gave His life for us,
The pledge of salvation.
He took upon Himself
The sin of the nations. *Refrain*

4 He conquered sin and death;
He truly has risen.
And He will share with us
His heavenly kingdom. *Refrain*
AMEN

Confession of Sin

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 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 5:13-16

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

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. **AMEN** *Isaiah 61:10-11*

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**

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

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **AMEN** *Philippians 4:4-7*

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

Zephaniah 3:6-20

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Coming Day of the Lord *Justin Wallick*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Trinity Hymnal 193

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish,
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!" **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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Trinity Hymnal 198

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

2 A helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

3 O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

5 Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

6 So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won. **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. **AMEN** *1 Thessalonians 5:16-22*

Benediction

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Trinity Hymnal 162

O that birth forever blessed,
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race;
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face,
Evermore and evermore! **AMEN**