

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 30, AD 2018 10:00 AM

Meditation

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only
begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

God Calls Us to Worship

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. 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. **AMEN**

Psalm 98:1-3

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**

RESPONSIVE READING

ISAIAH 62:10-12

Leader: Go through! Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people!

Congregation: Build up! Build up the highway!

Leader: Take out the stones! Lift up a banner for the peoples!

Congregation: Indeed Yahweh has proclaimed to the end of the world,

Leader: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming!'

Congregation: Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.' "

Leader: And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of Yahweh.

Congregation: And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. AMEN

See, amid the Winter's Snow

Trinity Hymnal 199

1 See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2 Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies:
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say -
What's your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep? *Refrain*

4 "As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing, 'Peace on earth,'
Told us of the Savior's birth." *Refrain*

5 Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this! *Refrain*

6 Teach, O teach us, holy child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility. *Refrain* **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. **AMEN** *1 John 1:8-10*

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

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **AMEN** *1 John 4:9-10*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Trinity Hymnal 225

2 He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3 And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

4 And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

5 Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around. **AMEN**

Confession of Faith

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1

Congregation: We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to Whom alone we must cleave,
Whom alone we must serve,
Whom only we must worship,
and in Whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence
for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have
appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory. **AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings...Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. **AMEN**

Hebrews 2:10, 17-18

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 2:1-20

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Glorious Birth
Justin Wallick

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Trinity Hymnal 224

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain* **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

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray;

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Trinity Hymnal 211

2 From God our heav'nly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name. *Refrain*

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might." *Refrain*

4 The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find. *Refrain* **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**