

# 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 1, AD 2019 10:00 AM**

Meditation

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds...

*Hebrews 1:1-2*

## God Calls Us to Worship

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together, where the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to the Testimony of Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For thrones are set there for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you." Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good. **AMEN**

*Psalms 122*

### Psalm 122B

### Book of Psalms for Singing

1 I was glad to hear them saying,  
"To the LORD's house let us go."  
For our feet will soon be standing  
In your gates, Jerusalem,  
Salem, well constructed city;  
There assemble all the tribes, (the tribes)  
Tribes that are Jehovah's own.

2 This the ordinance for Israel,  
Here to thank Jehovah's name.  
There are set the thrones of judgement;  
There is David's house enthroned.  
Pray then for the peace of Salem;  
May they prosper who love you, (love you)  
Be there peace within your walls.

3 In your palaces be safety.  
For the sake of brothers all,  
For the sake of my companions,  
I am saying, "Peace to you!"  
For Jehovah's house within you,  
Temple of the LORD our God, (our God)  
I will ever seek your good. **AMEN**

## Responsive Reading

Isaiah 2:2-5

Leader: Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains,

**Congregation: And will be raised above the hills, and all the nations will stream to it.**

Leader: And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,

**Congregation: That He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths."**

Leader: For the law will go forth from Zion

**Congregation: And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**

Leader: And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples.

**Congregation: And, they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.**

Leader: Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.

**Congregation: Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.  
AMEN**

## Come, Thou Almighty King

Trinity Hymnal 101

1 Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend.  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To the great One in Three  
Eternal praises be,

Hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore. **AMEN**

## **Confession of Sin**

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. **AMEN**

*1 John 3:4-5*

## **Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession**

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**Congregation: O, My Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your own body on the tree. May Your cross be to me as the tree that sweetens my bitter Marahs, as the rod that blossoms with life and beauty, as the brazen serpent that calls forth the look of faith. By Your cross crucify my every sin. O my Lord and Savior, You have also appointed a cross for me to take up and carry, a cross before You give me a crown. Teach me, gracious Lord and Savior, that with my cross You send promised grace so that I may bear it patiently, that my cross is Your yoke which is easy, and Your burden which is light. AMEN**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. **AMEN** *1 John 3:6-10*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## What Wondrous Love Is This

Trinity Hymnal 261

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on! **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

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.  
**AMEN** *Psalm 139:7-10*

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

**Micah 4:9-5:6**

Leader:           The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **The Coming Ruler of Israel** *Jonah Barnes*

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**Trinity Hymnal 194**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

3 O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

4 O come, Thou Day-spring from on high  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *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

**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

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **AMEN** *Romans 8:1-4*

## Benediction

**God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

**Trinity Hymnal 385**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you:  
God be with you till we meet again. **AMEN**