

# 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 8, AD 2019 10:00 AM**

Meditation

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may  
proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into

His marvelous light...

*1 Peter 2:9*

## God Calls Us to Worship

Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, like showers that water the earth. In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more. **AMEN** *Psalm 72:1-7*

### Psalm 72A

### Book of Psalms for Singing

1 O God, Thy judgements give the King,  
His reigning son Thy righteousness;  
He to Thy people right shall bring,  
With justice shall Thy poor redress.

2 The heights shall bring prosperity,  
The hills bring peace by righteousness;  
He'll judge the poor, the wronged set free,  
And crush the men who them oppress.

3 Till sun and moon no more are known  
They shall Thee fear in ages all;  
He'll come as rain on meadows mown  
And showers upon the earth that fall.

4 The just shall flourish in His day;  
While lasts the moon shall peace extend;  
From sea to sea shall be His sway,  
And from the Ri-ver to earth's end. **AMEN**

## Responsive Reading

Isaiah 11:1-5

Leader: There shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

**Congregation: The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.**

Leader: His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears. But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

**Congregation: He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips, He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.  
AMEN**

## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Trinity Hymnal 221

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to men a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.

3 The shepherds heard the story,  
Proclaimed by angels bright,  
How Christ, the Lord of glory,  
Was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped  
And in the manger found Him,  
As angel heralds said.

4 This flow'r, Whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us,  
And lightens ev'ry load.

5 O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;

O Savior, King of glory,  
Who dost our weakness know,  
Bring us at length, we pray,  
To the bright courts of heaven  
And to the endless day. **AMEN**

### **Confession of Sin**

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. **AMEN**  
*Psalm 130*

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

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**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**

For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place: “This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon Himself His crown shall flourish.” **AMEN** *Psalm 132:13-18*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Trinity Hymnal 345

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage? -  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which He gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know. **AMEN**

## Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of the Apostles Creed

### 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

Lord, I cry out to You; make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. **AMEN** *Psalm 141:1-2*

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

**Exodus 19:1-25**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**The Priests of the Old World**  
*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: 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

**Joy to the World! The Lord is Come**

**Trinity Hymnal 195**

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.  
**AMEN**

## God Commissions Us

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name." And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope." Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**AMEN**      *Romans 15:4-13*

## 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**