

# 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 15, AD 2019 10:00 AM**

Meditation

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding... When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

*Job 38:4, 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. Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish. Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord raises those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down. The Lord shall reign forever—your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord! **AMEN** *Psalm 146*

**Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul**

**Trinity Hymnal 57**

1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes,  
Nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning,  
And his purposes shall end.

2 Happy is the man that chooses  
Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blessed whose hope of blessing  
On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,  
Seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression,  
Righteousness He will maintain.

3 Food He daily gives the hungry,  
Sets the mourning prisoner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish,  
Makes the sightless eye to see.  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,

And the stranger He befriends,  
Helps the fatherless and widow,  
Judgment on the wicked sends.

4 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever,  
Through all ages He is King;  
Unto Him, your God, O Zion,  
Joyful hallelujahs sing. **AMEN**

### **Responsive Reading**

### **Psalm 8:1-6**

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!

**Congregation: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!**

Leader: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength.

**Congregation: Because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**Congregation: The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**

Leader: What is man that You are mindful of him,

**Congregation: And the son of man that You care for him?**

Leader: For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

**Congregation: And You have crowned him with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands.

**Congregation: You have put all things under his feet. AMEN**

### **Psalm 8B**

### **The Book of Psalms for Singing**

1 LORD, our Lord, in all the earth  
How excellent Your name!  
You above the heav'ns have set  
The splendor of Your fame.  
From the mouths of infants young  
You the power of praise compose  
In the face of enemies  
To stop avenging foes.

2 When I view the skies above  
Which Your own fingers made,  
When I see the moon and stars  
Which You in order laid,  
What is man so frail and weak  
That You should remember him?  
What can be the son of man  
That You should care for him?

3 Next to God You have made man,  
With light and honor crowned.  
You placed him above Your works;  
Beneath him all is found:  
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts,  
Birds, and fish the oceans claim.  
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth  
How excellent Your name! **AMEN**

## Confession of Sin

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." **AMEN** *Isaiah 6:1-5*

### Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Congregation: O almighty God,**  
**who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus;**  
**we acknowledge that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace.**  
**We have not believed Your promises; nor trusted in our living Lord.**  
**Through worldliness of spirit,**  
**our eyes have been kept from discerning His presence with us.**  
**Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit,**  
**our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard His Word.**  
**We have not trusted in His redeeming power, and have been**  
**overcome of evil. We have forgotten the glad tidings of His peace.**  
**But now in penitence we come to you, beseeching Your**  
**forgiveness. Mercifully grant us absolution from all our sins,**  
**and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation;**  
**for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. AMEN**

### Assurance of Pardon

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs

from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." **AMEN** *Isaiah 6:6-7*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Trinity Hymnal 196**

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

2 Joy to those who long to see Thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear;  
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
Of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News, glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3 Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end;  
By His life He brings us gladness,  
Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend,  
Leaving riches without number,  
Born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4 Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne. **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

Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."  
**AMEN** *Psalm 91:9-16*

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

**Zechariah 3:1-10**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**The Angel and the Priest**  
*Justin Wallick*

**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

**Trinity Hymnal 197**

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem

Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover,  
And her warfare now is over.

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many a day  
Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.

3 For the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Bidding all men to repentance,  
Since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him,  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4 Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
Make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token,  
That His word is never broken. **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

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

Trinity Hymnal 201

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie;

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel. **AMEN**

## God Commissions Us

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. **AMEN** *James 5:7-11*

### 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**