

# 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 29, AD 2019 10:00 AM**

Meditation

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.

*1 John 4:9*

## God Calls Us to Worship

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young—even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You. *Selah* **AMEN**  
*Psalm 84:1-4*

### Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

### Trinity Hymnal 218

*Refrain:*

Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light. *Refrain*

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

4 Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

5 All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th'eternal Three in One. *Refrain* **AMEN**

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 111:1-6

Leader: Hallelujah! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart.

**Congregation: In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.**

Leader: The works of the Lord are great,

**Congregation: Studied by all who have pleasure in them.**

Leader: His work is honorable and glorious.

**Congregation: And, His righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has made His wonderful works to be remembered.

**Congregation: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

Leader: He has given food to those who fear Him. He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

**Congregation: He has declared to His people the power of His works. In giving them the heritage of the nations. AMEN**

## God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Trinity Hymnal 211

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.

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**

## Confession of Sin

“Talk no more so very proudly; let no arrogance come from your mouth, for the Lord is the God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and those who stumbled are girded with strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, and the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven, and she who has many children has become feeble.” **AMEN**

*1 Samuel 2:3-5*

### Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus, we sin.**

**Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it,  
Never be content with self,  
Never think we can reach a point of perfection.  
Kill our envy, command our tongues, trample down self.  
Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,  
To live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit,  
To be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to  
You, To live entirely to Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN****

### Assurance of Pardon

“The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory.” **AMEN** 1

*Samuel 2:6-8b*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **What Child Is This**

Trinity Hymnal 213

1 What child is this Who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through;  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

**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

I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication. I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk they have secretly set a snare for me. Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul. I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name; the righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me." **AMEN** *Psalm 142*

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 2:21-38**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Salvation Presented to the House of God**  
*Justin Wallick*

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**Trinity Hymnal 203**

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain:*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Refrain*

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

*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

## Once in Royal David's City

Trinity Hymnal 225

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.

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**

## God Commissions Us

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. **AMEN**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

## 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**