Christ Church

Worshiping 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 6, AD 2020 10:00 AM

Meditation

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

Psalm 80:19

God Calls Us to Worship

Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You. All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name." *Selah* Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men. He turned the sea into dry land; they went through the river on foot. There we will rejoice in Him. He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah* **AMEN**Psalm 66:1-7

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, 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**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 89:1-5

Leader: I will sing of the mercies of Yahweh forever.

Congregation: With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever."

Congregation: "Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

Leader: "I have made a covenant with My chosen. I have sworn to My servant David:

Congregation: 'Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all

generations." Selah

Leader: And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Yahweh

Congregation: Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. AMEN

Psalm 89A McKee

1 The lovingkindness of the LORD Forever I will sing. Your faithfulness to every age My mouth in song shall bring.

2 I will proclaim, "Your steadfast love Forever will endure. Your faithfulness in heaven high You will establish sure."

3 "I've made a covenant with him Who is My chosen one; To David, who My servant is, What I have sworn be done."

4 "Your seed I will establish firm, Forever to endure; And I through every coming age Will make your throne secure."

5 The praises of Your wonders, LORD, The heavens shall express, In council of the holy ones Your faithfulness confess.

6 For who in heaven with the LORD Could ever be compared? Among the ranks of angels great, Who has His likeness shared? **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness..."For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts. **AMEN**Malachi 3:2-3,6-7b

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Lord Jesus, we confess that there is no one righteous, no, not one.

No one understands, no one seeks for God.

We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. So to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. O Lord God, in You do we trust. Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth, and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we do wait all the day long.

Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love. Remember not our sins and transgressions; according to Your steadfast love, remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. **AMEN** *Isaiah* 40:10-11

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

How Firm a Foundation

Trinity Hymnal 94

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; For I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake." **AMEN**

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into Hades.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

Intercessory Prayer

O Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. *Selah* You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease. Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation. **AMEN**Psalm 85:1-7

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 1:26-56

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Magnifying the Lord in the Spirit *Justin Wallick*

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

1 My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit shall in God rejoice. My humble state He did regard, Exalting me by gracious choice.

2 Henceforth shall people call me blest, For great things He has done for me. The mighty God is now my guest; The holy One has set me free.

3 His mercy is on all who fear, Who trust in Him from age to age. His arm of strength to all is near; The proud He scatters, though they rage.

4 He brings down rulers from their seat And raises those of low degree.

He fills the hungry souls with meat; The rich depart in poverty.

5 He helped His servant Israel, Rememb'ring His eternal grace, As from of old He did foretell To Abraham and all his race.

6 So praise with me the Holy One. Who comes in all humility. To our Redeemer, God's own Son, Be glory in eternity! **AMEN**

God Communes With Us

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

Congregation: Almighty Father, whose dear Son,

on the night before He suffered,

did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood;

mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in

remembrance of Him, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge

of life eternal; your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, world without end. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Trinity Hymnal 162

1 Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!

2 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!

3 This is He whom heav'n-taught singers Sang of old with one accord, Whom the Scriptures of the prophets Promised in their faithful word; Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord, Evermore and evermore!

4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing; All dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, And unwearied praises be, Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore! **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Romans 13:8-14

Benediction

Gloria Patri

Trinity Hymnal 735

Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, amen. **AMEN**