

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 13, AD 2020 10:00 AM

Meditation

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
with my mouth will I make known
Your faithfulness to all generations.
Psalm 89:1

God Calls Us to Worship

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore! Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, O seed of Abraham His servant, you children of Jacob, His chosen ones! He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations. **AMEN** *Psalm 105:1-8*

Psalm 105A

Azmon

1 O thank the LORD,
Call on His name;
His deeds declare to all.
O sing to Him, sing praise to Him;
His wondrous works recall.

2 Let hearts that seek the LORD rejoice,
His holy name adore.
O seek the LORD, and seek His strength;
His face seek evermore.

3 Remember all His wondrous deeds,
The works that He has done,
The righteous judgements of His mouth,
His miracles each one.

4 O you, the seed of Abraham,
God's servant-you, his sons,
And all who sons of Jacob are,
His own, His chosen ones.

5 He surely is the LORD our God,
His judgements fill the land;
He keeps in mind His covenant,
That is may always stand. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 101:1-5

Leader: I will sing of mercy and justice;

Congregation: To You, O Lord, I will sing praises.

Leader: I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me?

Congregation: I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

Leader: I will set nothing wicked before my eyes.

Congregation: I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.

Leader: A perverse heart shall depart from me.

Congregation: I will not know wickedness.

Leader: Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy;

Congregation: The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure. AMEN

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**

Confession of Sin

But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand. Do not be furious, O Lord, nor remember iniquity forever; indeed, please look—we all are Your people! **AMEN** Isaiah 64:6-9

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

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.’” **AMEN** *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way that without
the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad. Bring back our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the South. Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. **AMEN** *Psalm 126*

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 1:57-80

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Blessing the Name of the Lord *Justin Wallick*

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Trinity Hymnal 11

1 Now blessed be the Lord our God,
The God of Israel,
For He alone does wondrous works
In glory that excel.

2 And blessed be His glorious name
To all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill.
Amen, so let it be.

3 His wide dominion shall extend
From sea to utmost sea,
And unto earth's remotest bounds
His peaceful rule shall be.

4 Yea, all the kings shall bow to Him,
His rule all nations hail;
He will regard the poor man's cry
When other helpers fail. AMEN

God Communes With Us

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

**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

See, amid the Winter's Snow

Trinity Hymnal 199

1 See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2 Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies:
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say -
What's your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep? *Refrain*

4 "As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing, 'Peace on earth,'
Told us of the Savior's birth." *Refrain*

5 Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this! *Refrain*

6 Teach, O teach us, holy child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility. *Refrain* **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

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**