

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 20, AD 2020 10:00 AM

Meditation

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit,
seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles,
believed on in the world, received up in glory.
1 Timothy 3:16

God Calls Us to Worship

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it; let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity. **AMEN** *Psalm 98*

Psalm 98A

Desert

1 O sing a new song to the LORD
For wonders He has done,
For wonders He has done;
His right hand and His holy arm
(parts) The victory have won.

2 The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known,
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
(parts) He openly has shown.

3 He mindful of His grace and truth
To Isr'el's house has been,
To Isr'el's house has been.
The great salvation of our God
(parts) All ends of earth have seen.

4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD
And make a joyful sound,
And make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice aloud to Him;
(parts) Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

5 With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp a psalm O sing,
With harp a psalm O sing!
With horn and trumpet raise a shout
(parts) Before the LORD, the King.

6 Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde,
The world, its living horde.
Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
(parts) Their joy before the LORD!

7 Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
(parts) All men with equity. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 9

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Congregation: Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

Leader: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.

Congregation: And the government will be upon His shoulder.

Leader: And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Congregation: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end,

Congregation: Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice

Leader: From that time forward, even forever.

Congregation: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. AMEN

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

Confession of Sin

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. **AMEN** *Hebrews 1:1-4*

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: O, My Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your own body on the tree. May Your cross be to me as the tree that sweetens my bitter Marahs, as the rod that blossoms with life and beauty, as the brazen serpent that calls forth the look of faith. By Your cross crucify my every sin. O my Lord and Savior, You have also appointed a cross for me to take up and carry, a cross before You give me a crown. Teach me, gracious Lord and Savior, that with my cross You send promised grace so that I may bear it patiently, that my cross is Your yoke which is easy, and Your burden which is light. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

AMEN

Titus 2:11-14

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

The Nicene Creed

Trinity Hymnal, page 846

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;**

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Intercessory Prayer

“If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,” Let Israel now say—“If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us; then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul; then the swollen waters would have gone over our soul.” Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
AMEN *Psalm 124*

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 2:1-20

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Highest Glory to God
Justin Wallick

Angels We Have Heard on High

Trinity Hymnal 214

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

Refrain AMEN

God Communes With Us

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Trinity Hymnal 208

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created.

Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God in the highest.

Refrain

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Refrain **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **AMEN**
1 John 4:7-11

Benediction

Franklin Gloria

Gregory Wilbur*

Glory to God in the highest! Peace to His people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest! Peace to His people on earth.
We praise You! We bless You!
We adore You! We glorify!
We give You thanks for Your glory.
We give You thanks for Your glory. *Repeat*
AMEN