

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, January 3, AD 2021 10:00 AM

Meditation

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Genesis 3:15

God Calls Us to Worship

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge. For behold, the kings assembled, they passed by together. They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, they hastened away. Fear took hold of them there, and pain, as of a woman in birth pangs, as when You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever. *Selah* **AMEN** *Psalm 48:1-8*

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Trinity Hymnal 345

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage? -
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna

Which He gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 2:1-6

Leader: Why do the nations rage?

Congregation: And the people plot a vain thing?

Leader: The kings of the earth set themselves.

Congregation: And, the rulers take counsel together,

ALL: Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

Leader: "Let us break their bonds in pieces."

Congregation: "And cast away their cords from us."

Leader: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh.

Congregation: The Lord shall hold them in derision.

Leader: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath.

Congregation: And distress them in His deep displeasure.

ALL: "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion." AMEN

Psalm 2A

Salzburg

1 Why do Gentile nations rage,
And their useless plots design?
Kings of earth in schemes engage,
Rulers are in league combined.
They speak out against the LORD;
His Messiah they defy:
"Let us break their chains and cords,
Let us cast them off," they cry.

2 He who sits in heaven laughs,
For the Lord views them with scorn.
He will speak to them in wrath,
And in anger He will warn:
"Yet according to My will,
I have set My King to reign;

And on Zion's holy hill,
My Anointed will remain.”

3 “I the LORD's decree make known;
This is what He had to say:
He declared, “You are My Son;
I have brought You forth this day.
Ask of Me, and You I'll make
Heir to earth and nations all.
Them with iron rod You'll break,
Smashing them in pieces small.””

4 Therefore kings now heed this word;
Earthly judges, come and hear:
Rev'rent worship give the LORD;
With your joy mix trembling fear.
Kiss the son, His wrath to turn,
Lest you perish in your stride,
For His anger soon may burn.
Blessed are all who in Him hide. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. **AMEN** *1 John 1:8-10*

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

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

AMEN *1 John 2:1-2*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

O Savior, Precious Savior

Trinity Hymnal 159

1 O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love,
O Name of might and favor,
All other names above;
We worship You, we bless You,
To You alone we sing;
We praise You, and confess You
Our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously have wrought,
Yourself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought;
We worship You, we bless You,
To You alone we sing;
We praise You, and confess You
Our gracious Lord and King.

3 In You all fulness dwelling,
All grace and pow'r outpours:
The glory all-excelling,
O Son of God, is Yours;
We worship You, we bless You,
To You alone we sing;
We praise You, and confess You
Our glorious Lord and King.

4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration,
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless You
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess You
Our Savior and our King. **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

Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy on us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorn of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud. AMEN *Psalm 123*

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

Revelation 12:1-17

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Warfare of Christmas
Justin Wallicke

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Trinity Hymnal 193

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish,
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!" **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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Trinity Hymnal 218

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;

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

God Commissions Us

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AMEN

Romans 8:31-39

Benediction

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Trinity Hymnal 162

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**