

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 10, AD 2021 10:00 AM

Meditation

How long will you judge unjustly,
and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*
Defend the poor and fatherless;
do justice to the afflicted and needy.
Psalm 82:2-3

God Calls Us to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord. **AMEN** *Isaiah 60:1-6*

As with Gladness Men of Old

Trinity Hymnal 226

1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly cradle bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
At that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 72:1, 8-11

Leader: Give the King Your judgments, O God,

Congregation: And Your righteousness to the King's Son.

Leader: He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,

Congregation: And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him.

Congregation: And, His enemies will lick the dust.

Leader: The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents.

Congregation: The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.

Leader: Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him.

Congregation: All nations shall serve Him. AMEN

Psalm 72B

Duke Street

1 Nomads will bow to Him as King;
Licking the dust, His foes will bend.
Islands and Tarshish gifts will bring,
Sheba and Seba tribute send.

2 So shall all kings before Him fall,
All nations His commands obey.
He'll save the needy when they call,
Those who are poor and have no aid.

3 He'll show the poor His sympathy,
And He will save the needy's life.
From fraud and force He'll set them free;
Their blood is precious in His sight.

4 So He will live, and Sheba's gold
They'll as a gift before Him lay;
In constant prayer they'll Him uphold,
And they will bless Him all the day. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

AMEN *John 1:6-11*

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

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. **AMEN** *John 1:12-14*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

Confession of Faith

The Scots Confession, Chapter 1

**Congregation: We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to Whom alone we must cleave,
Whom alone we must serve,
Whom only we must worship,
and in Whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By Whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence
for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have
appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory. AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. AMEN *Ephesians 3:8-12*

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

Matthew 2:1-23

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Seeking to Destroy the Child
Justin Wallick

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to You we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem,
In Your birth at Bethlehem:

Refrain:

"You are Christ," by us confessed —
God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana, wedding guest,
In Your Godhead manifest,
You revealed Your power divine,
Changing water into wine, *Refrain*

3 Manifest in making whole
Weakened body, fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill: *Refrain*
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

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

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." **AMEN** *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Benediction

Gloria Patri

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**

Trinity Hymnal 735