# **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, February 21, AD 2021 10:00 AM

Meditation

And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

Luke 12:25

# God Calls Us to Worship

The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea. Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever. **AMEN** *Psalm 93* 

#### Psalm 93A

## **Festal Song**

1 The LORD is crowned as King, He's clothed with majesty. The LORD has clothed Himself with might And great authority.

2 The world is firmly set, And never moved can be. And long-established is Your throne, You're from eternity.

3 The floods lift up, O LORD; The floods lift up their voice. The floods are lifting up their waves; They make a mighty noise.

4 But yet the LORD on high - Of greater strength is He Than is the thunder of the waves, Or breakers of the sea.

5 Your testimonies all Have been confirmed, O LORD; Your house adorned with holiness, Shall be forevermore. **AMEN** 

## **Responsive Reading**

Psalm 34:1-7

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Congregation: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul shall make its boast in the Lord.

Congregation: The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

Congregation: And let us exalt His name together.

Leader: I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Congregation: They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not

ashamed.

Leader: This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all

his troubles.

Congregation: The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,

and delivers them. AMEN

#### O God How Good Thou Art

Gregory Wilbur\*

1 O God, how good Thou art To all the pure of heart, Though life seems vain; Burdened with anxious care, I groped in dark despair, Till in Thy house of prayer All was made plain.

Ever, O Lord, with Thee, All shall be well with me, Held by Thy hand; And Thou wilt guide my feet By Thy own counsel sweet, Till I, for glory meet, In glory stand.

In earth or heaven above Who is there that I love Compared with Thee? My heart may faint with fears, But God my strength appears, And will to endless years My portion be.

O it is good that I May still to God draw nigh, As oft before; The Lord Jehovah blest, My refuge and my rest, Shall be in praise confessed For evermore. **AMEN** 

#### Confession of Sin

When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek." Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me. Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

**AMEN** *Psalm 27:8-11* 

#### 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

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. **AMEN** 

Romans 8:31-34

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

#### And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Trinity Hymnal 455

1 And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound The depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more. Refrain

3 He left His Father's throne above (So free, so infinite His grace!), Humbled Himself (so great His love!) And bled for all His chosen race! 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me! Refrain

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. Refrain

5 No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ, My own. 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**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **AMEN**Philippians 4:6-7

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

Mark 4:35-41

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Fear Not Justin Wallick

#### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal 92

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great; And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, The man of God's own choosing. Dost ask Who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

4 That Word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever. **AMEN** 

# **God Communes With Us**

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

Congregation: Thanks be to You, O God,

for Your presence and Your purpose,

for Your lovingkindness and Your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith,

increase our generosity, and unify our hearts,

for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## We Lift up as Our Shield God's Name

## Trinity Hymnal 104

1 We lift up as our shield God's name, The strong name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same: The Three in One and One in Three, Our Rock and Tower, God of Light, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word; We claim the name of grace and might: Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

2 Immanuel, incarnate Lord, From Mary's womb was given breath, Was baptized at the Jordan's ford, And gave His life to conquer death. He rose triumphant from the tomb, Was lifted to the Father's throne To come on God's dread day of doom And bring salvation for His own.

3 By faith we claim His grace today: The pow'r of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to our need; The wisdom of our God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, The word of God to give us speech, His heav'nly host to be our guard. **AMEN** 

# God Commissions 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 8:35-39

#### 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**