

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, March 7, AD 2021 10:00 AM

Meditation

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2:10

God Calls Us to Worship

I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. When my enemies turn back, they shall fall and perish at Your presence. For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness. You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever. O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; even their memory has perished. But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. He shall judge the world in righteousness, and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people. When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble. **AMEN**

Psalms 9:1-12

Psalm 9A

Joanna

1 I now will give wholehearted thanks to the Lord,
And all of Your marvelous works will record.
In You will be glad and exultingly cry;
And praise to Your name will I sing, O Most High.

2 When backward my foes were all turned in despair,
They stumbled and perished because You were there.
For You have defended my judgement and cause;
Enthroned, You judge rightly, enforcing the laws.

3 You chastened the nations, the wicked destroyed;
Their names You erased and forever made void.
The foe is consumed and completely erased;
Their cities destroyed and their mem'ry effaced.

4 The Lord will eternally sit on His throne,
Establishing it for His judgement alone.
In righteousness He'll judge the world here below;
And to ev'ry people shall equity show.

5 The Lord is a stronghold to help the oppressed;
A stronghold of safety in times of distress.
Those knowing Your name, Lord, their trust in You place;
You have not forsaken those seeking Your face. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 48:1-3, 11-14

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Congregation: Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Leader: God is in her palaces.

Congregation: He is known as her refuge.

Leader: Let Mount Zion rejoice. Let the daughters of Judah be glad because of Your judgments.

Congregation: Walk about Zion, and go all around her.

Leader: Count her towers. Mark well her bulwarks.

Congregation: Consider her palaces that you may tell it to the generation following.

Leader: For this is God, our God forever and ever.

Congregation: He will be our guide even to death. AMEN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Trinity Hymnal 342

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts today:
With Thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

4 Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever

With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

5 Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.
AMEN *Psalm 25:16-18*

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

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. **AMEN** *Romans 8:15-17*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

As Pants the Deer

Gregory Wilbur*

1 As pants the deer for streams of living water,
So longs my soul, O living God, for Thee;
I thirst for Thee, for Thee my heart is yearning;
When shall I come Thy gracious face to see?

2 O Lord my God, o'erwhelmed in deep affliction,
Far from Thy rest, to Thee I lift my soul;
Deep calls to deep and storms of trouble thunder,
While o'er my head the waves and billows roll.

3 Thou wilt command Thy servant's consolation,
Thy loving-kindness yet shall cheer my day,
And in the night Thy song shall be my comfort;
God of my life, to Thee I still will pray.

4 Why, O my soul, art thou cast down within me,
Why art thou troubled and oppressed with grief?
Hope thou in God, the God of thy salvation,
Hope, and thy God will surely send relief.
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

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me. **AMEN** *Psalm 13*

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 8:27-9:1

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

God's Purpose in Suffering *Justin Wallick*

At the Name of Jesus

Trinity Hymnal 163

1 At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess Him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 At His voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heav'nly orders in their great array.

3 Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death He passed.

4 In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
Crown Him as your Captain in temptation's hour:
Let His will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

5 Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, with His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of
glory now. 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

The Church's One Foundation

Trinity Hymnal 347

1 The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

6 Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. **AMEN**

James 1:2-8

Benediction

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Trinity Hymnal 737

Christ, we do all adore Thee,
And we do praise Thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore Thee,
And we do praise Thee forever;
For on the holy cross hast Thou
The world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee,
And we do praise Thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore Thee. **AMEN**