

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 14, AD 2021 10:00 AM

Meditation

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

John 12:24

God Calls Us to Worship

O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongs—O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth! Rise up, O Judge of the earth; render punishment to the proud. Lord, how long will the wicked, how long will the wicked triumph? They utter speech, and speak insolent things; all the workers of iniquity boast in themselves. They break in pieces Your people, O Lord, and afflict Your heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, “The Lord does not see, nor does the God of Jacob understand.” Understand, you senseless among the people; and you fools, when will you be wise? He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? The Lord knows the thoughts of man, that they are futile. **AMEN** *Psalm 94:1-11*

Psalm 94A

Austria

1 God, the LORD, from whom is vengeance,
God, Avenger, O shine forth!
Judge of all the earth, O rise up!
Pay the proud what they are worth.
O LORD, how long will the wicked,
How long will the wicked gloat?
From their mouths they pour out violence,
Of themselves all wicked boast.

2 They, O LORD, beat down Your people,
And Your heritage oppress.
They kill foreigner and widow;
They have slain the fatherless.
They have said, “The LORD does not see,
Jacob's God has closed His eyes.”
Understand, you senseless people;
When, O fools, will you be wise?

3 Who the ear made, can He hear not?
Who formed eyes, can He not see?
Who warns nations, will He strike not?
Who men teaches, knows not He?
All the thoughts of men the LORD knows;

Knows that but a breath are they.
Blessed the man whom You reprove, LORD;
Through Your law You point his way.

4 Give him rest from days of trouble
Till the wicked are brought down.
For the LORD stays with His people,
He will not forsake His own.
Righteous judgements will be rendered,
Justice will return again;
Those of upright heart will follow
In the ways of justice then. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Matthew 5:3-12

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Congregation: Blessed are those who mourn. For they shall be comforted.

Leader: Blessed are the meek. For they shall inherit the earth.

Congregation: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. For they shall be filled.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful. For they shall obtain mercy.

Congregation: Blessed are the pure in heart. For they shall see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers. For they shall be called sons of God.

Congregation: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Congregation: Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. AMEN

We Gather Together

Trinity Hymnal 363

1 We gather together
To ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing
Now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to His name;
He forgets not His own.

2 Beside us to guide us,
Our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining
His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning
The fight we were winning:

Thou, Lord, wast at our side:
All glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol Thee,
Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still
Our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation
Endure thro' tribulation:
Thy name be ever prais'd!
O Lord, make us free! **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. **AMEN**
Isaiah 1:16-18

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Lord Jesus, we sin.

**Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it,
Never be content with self,
Never think we can reach a point of perfection.
Kill our envy, command our tongues, trample down self.
Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,
To live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit,
To be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to
You, To live entirely to Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **AMEN**
Hebrews 12:1-2

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Trinity Hymnal 575

1 Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in His mighty pow'r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

2 Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
But take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.
Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul;
Take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace,
And fortify the whole.

3 To keep your armor bright,
Attend with constant care;
Still walking in your Captain's sight,
And watching unto prayer.
From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day. **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

Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your power preserve those who are appointed to die; and return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord. So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; we will show forth Your praise to all generations. **AMEN** *Psalm 79:11-13*

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 9:14-32

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sacrificial Witness
Justin Wallick

The Son of God Goes Forth To War

Gregory Wilbur*

1 The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears His cross below,
He follows in His train.

2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw His Master in the sky,
And called on Him to save;
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong:
Who follows in His train?

3 A glorious band, the chosen few
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame:
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death to feel:
Who follows in their train?

4 A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed:
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
Through peril, toil, and pain:
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
To follow in their train. **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

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Trinity Hymnal 572

1 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see, His banners go.

Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

2 At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory:
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise. *Refrain*

3 Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity. *Refrain*

4 Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. *Refrain*

5 Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King:
This through countless ages men and angels sing. *Refrain* **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. **AMEN**
1 Peter 3:13-17

Benediction

Gloria Patri

Trinity Hymnal 735

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**