

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 21, AD 2021 10:00 AM

Meditation

Jesus wept.
John 11:35

God Calls Us to Worship

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, ... Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, bound in affliction and irons—because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High, therefore He brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their chains in pieces. Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! **AMEN**

Psalm 107:1-2,10-15

Psalm 107C

St. Anne

1 The foolish suffered for their sins
And their rebellious ways.
Reviling every kind of food,
They drew near to death's gates.

2 In trouble to the Lord they cried;
He saved them from distress;
He sent His word to make them whole
And lift from wretchedness.

3 Let them give thanks unto the Lord
For all His kindness shown,
And for His works so wonderful
Which He to men makes known.

4 And let them offer thanks to Him,
The sacrifice of praise;
His works let them declare abroad,
In songs their voices raise. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Hebrews 12:22-29

Leader: You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

Congregation: To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Leader: To Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,

Congregation: And to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Leader: See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

Congregation: Whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

Leader: Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken,

Congregation: Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire. AMEN

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Trinity Hymnal 369

1 Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;
Through distant lands His triumphs spread;
And sinners, freed from endless pains,
Own Him their Savior and their Head.

2 He calls His chosen from afar,
They all at Zion's gates arrive;
Those who were dead in sin before
By sovereign grace are made alive.

3 Gentiles and Jews His laws obey;
Nations remote their offerings bring,
And unconstrained their homage pay
To their exalted God and King.

4 O may His holy church increase,
His Word and Spirit still prevail,
While angels celebrate His praise,
And saints His growing glories hail.

5 Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb,
From all below, and all above!
In lofty songs exalt His name,
In songs as lasting as His love. **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it. "Vapor of vapors," says the Preacher, "All is vapor."

AMEN *Ecclesiastes 12:6-8*

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

So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Thy Works, Not Mine

Gregory Wilbur*

1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done;
They bid my fear depart.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
Can heal my bruised soul,
Thy stripes not mine, contain

The balm to make me whole.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the awful load
Of sins that none in Heav'n
Or earth could bear but God.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails
Save that which is of Thee.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee? **AMEN**

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way that without
the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. **AMEN****

Intercessory Prayer

I love the Lord, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. The pains of death surrounded me, and the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!" ...What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
AMEN *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-15*

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 10:23-40

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Dying Victoriously
Justin Wallick

For All the Saints

Trinity Hymnal 358

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! **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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Trinity Hymnal 420

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side;
Praise we Him whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from the sky,
Pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee,
With the Spirit, ever be. **AMEN**

God Commissions Us

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. **AMEN** *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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**