

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 28, AD 2021 10:00 AM

Meditation

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:9-10

God Calls Us to Worship

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever... Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord, through which the righteous shall enter. I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

AMEN

Psalm 118:1, 19-29

Psalm 118E

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1 Now open wide the gates for me,
The gates of righteousness,
And I will enter in through them;
With thanks the LORD I'll bless.

2 This is the gate that is the LORD's,
The righteous enter in.
I'm thankful You have answered me;
My Savior You have been.

3 That stone is now the cornerstone
That builders once despised.
This is the doing of the LORD,
And wondrous in our eyes.

4 This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us be glad and sing.
Hosanna, Lord! O give success!
O Lord, salvation bring!

5 O blessed is the one who comes,
Comes in the LORD's great name.
A blessing from the LORD's own house
Upon you we proclaim.

6 The LORD is God and He to us
Has made the light arise.
With cords bind to the altar's horns
The festal sacrifice.

7 You are my God, I'll give You thanks;
My God, I'll give you praise.
O thank the LORD, for He is good;
His love lasts endless days. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Leader: Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak.

Congregation: And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

Leader: Let my teaching drop as the rain.

Congregation: My speech distill as the dew.

Leader: As raindrops on the tender herb,

Congregation: And as showers on the grass.

Leader: For I proclaim the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Ascribe greatness to our God.

Leader: He is the Rock.

Congregation: His work is perfect.

Leader: For all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice.

Congregation: Righteous and upright is He. AMEN

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Trinity Hymnal 4

1 All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

3 I cried to Him in time of need:
Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank Him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!

4 The Lord forsaketh not His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads His own, His chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

5 Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

6 Then come before His presence now
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory! **AMEN**

Confession of Sin

“For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. Surely the Lord God will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me? **AMEN** *Isaiah 50:7-9a*

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own
hearts. We confess that we have sinned against You in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your Name. **AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; the battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.’ “As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you. **AMEN** *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Trinity Hymnal 198

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

2 A helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

3 O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

5 Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

6 So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won. **AMEN**

Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of the Apostles Creed

Congregation: We believe that Jesus Christ
—true God, Son of the Father from eternity,
and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary—is our Lord.
He has redeemed us, lost and condemned persons,
saved us at great cost from sin, death, and the power of the devil,
not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood
and His innocent suffering and death.
All this He has done that we may be His own,
live under Him in His kingdom,
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and
blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules
eternally. This is most certainly true. **AMEN**

Intercessory Prayer

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel. For I hear the slander of many; fear is on every side; while they take counsel together against me, they scheme to take away my life. But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies’ sake. **AMEN**

Psalm 31:12-16

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 11:1-33

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Son of David and the House of God
Justin Wallick

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Trinity Hymnal 235

1 All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One!

2 The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present:
To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

3 Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring! **AMEN**

God Communes With Us

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

**Congregation: Almighty Father, whose dear Son,
on the night before He suffered,
did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood;
mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in
remembrance of Him, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge
of life eternal; your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. AMEN**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 away.

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**

God Commissions Us

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

Philippians 2:3-11

Benediction

Franklin Sanctus

Gregory Wilbur*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Holy, Holy God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Amen. **AMEN**