

# 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, May 9, AD 2021 10:00 AM**

Meditation

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

*John 18:36*

## God Calls Us to Worship

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite. The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God...**AMEN**

*Psalms 147:1-7*

### Psalm 147A

### Azmon

1 Sing Hallelujah! O how good  
To praise our God with song!  
For it is pleasant and is right;  
To Him all praise belongs.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem,  
Brings Isr'el's exiled sons.  
He binds up all their wounds and heals  
The broken-hearted ones.

3 He counts the number of the stars;  
He names each one of them.  
Our Lord is great in pow'r and might  
His wisdom has no end.

4 Those humbled low the LORD will raise;  
He casts the wicked down.  
O praise the LORD our God with thanks;  
With harp His praises sound.

5 He covers all the sky with clouds,  
Makes rain for earth below;  
He is the One who makes the grass  
Upon the mountains grow.

6 Food for the cattle He provides,  
And all their need supplies;  
He also feeds the raven's young,  
And hears their hungry cries.

7 In strength of horse or speed of man,  
The LORD takes no delight;  
But those who fear and trust His love  
Are pleasing in His sight. **AMEN**

### **Responsive Reading**

**Matthew 5:3-13**

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.**

Leader: You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?

**Congregation: It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 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

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. **AMEN**

*2 Corinthians 5:16-19*

### 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

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

**AMEN** *1 Peter 2:9-10*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Triumphant Jesus Bore the Cross

Gregory Wilbur\*

1 Triumphant Jesus bore the cross  
Of cruel passion, curse, and loss;  
He routed sin, and death, and woe,  
And Satan my infernal foe.

2 Yet does the fiend still prowl and lurk,  
His schemes upon my heart to work.  
But God before me who can stand  
When Christ in battle guides my hand?

3 Since Christ my Savior works within,  
No more am I a slave of sin.  
The hopes of hell and Satan wrecked,  
No more can he charge God's elect.

4 No power of flesh or demon's might  
Can snatch from me Christ's blood-bought right.  
I more than conquer by the Word  
Of Christ my Captain and my Lord! **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

Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish. Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God...The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord raises those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. **AMEN** *Psalm 146:3-5,8*

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

**Luke 14:15-35**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Love the Kingdom**  
*Justin Wallick*

**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

**Trinity Hymnal 345**

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage? -  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which He gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know. **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

**Christ is Our Cornerstone**

**Gregory Wilbur\***

1 Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone

The courts of Heav'n are filled;  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

2 O then with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing;  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious name.

3 Here may we gain from Heav'n,  
The grace which we implore;  
And may that grace, once giv'n,  
Be with us evermore;  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away. **AMEN**

## God Commissions Us

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. **AMEN**

*Colossians 3:1-11*

## Benediction

### Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

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**

### Trinity Hymnal 737