

Christ Church

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Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 22:27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 29

Q. Are the bread and wine changed into the real body and blood of Christ?

A. No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into Christ's blood and does not itself wash away sins but is simply God's sign and assurance, so too the bread of the Lord's supper is not changed into the actual body of Christ even though it is called the body of Christ in keeping with the nature and language of sacraments.

Q. Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood? (Paul uses the words, a participation in Christ's body and blood.)

A. Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that as bread and wine nourish our temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls for eternal life. But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins.

***Hymn of Adoration:** "O Worship the King"

1. O worship the King all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

***Call to Confession:** Hosea 6:1 Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

***Prayer of Confession:** Lord, we confess to You that we are displeased with ourselves. We believe our sins are forgiven, but we have failed to live as those who truly partake of Christ daily. Instead, we have lived as if we are free to please ourselves, free to try to find our heaven here on earth instead of waiting to share Christ's glory when He returns, and free to depend on ourselves instead of relying on the Holy Spirit to direct and govern our lives. Pardon and cleanse us and teach us to delight in submitting to Your authority over us. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***Agnus Dei**

Women & Children: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Men: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

All: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** 2 Chronicles 7:14 If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

***Collect of the Day:** Lord, we praise You for Your overflowing mercy toward us. Grant us grace to leave behind the old, rebellious life and to joyfully submit to Your rule over our lives. Thank You for the glorious and complete salvation You have extended to us. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Titus 3:1-8 (see insert)

Psalter Selection: Psalm 100

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
HIM serve with mirth; His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the LORD is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk; He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Within his courts your thanks proclaim;
With grateful hearts your voices raise
To bless and magnify His name.

Because the LORD our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

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Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** "Holy Ground"

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground;
For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground;
For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.

These are holy hands, He's given us holy hands;
He works through these hands and so these hands are holy.
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Sermon: Titus 3:1-5a

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison) Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For Thine is the
Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, Forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response:** Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all
creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn of Response:** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army shall He lead,
'Til every foe is conquered And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, In this His glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength
oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh A crown of life shall be:
He with the King of glory Shall reign eternally.

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Postlude

