

Christ Church

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Reformed Teaching † *Re-forming People*

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:3-5 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 22

Q. How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

A. Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.

Q. How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?

A. Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no man has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.

***Hymn of Adoration:** "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy – there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

***Call to Confession:** Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the

unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

***Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, we have sinned in that we fail to live in light of the coming resurrection. We fall short on showing proper gratitude for the gift of eternal life. We neglect preparation for the day we will see You face to face. Instead we live as people whose great possession is life rooted in the things of this world. Forgive us for rebelling against Your generous gifts and grant us grace to be willing to sacrifice what we have presently in order to be holy and useful in Your kingdom so that we might share in the reward You have prepared for us. Increase our faith in Your promises and increase our love for You so that we will long to be with You in glory. 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:** Psalm 103:10-13 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri:**

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.

***Collect of the Day:** O God, please fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that our hearts will be knitted to Christ, our whole selves cleansed, our spirits revived, our souls filled with faith and our bodies disciplined to do the will of our Father in heaven. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 33:10-16

“Now I will rise,” says the LORD;

“Now I will be exalted,

Now I will lift Myself up.

You shall conceive chaff,

You shall bring forth stubble;

Your breath, *as* fire, shall devour you.

And the people shall be *like* the burnings of lime;

Like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire.

Hear, you *who are* afar off, what I have done;

And you *who are* near, acknowledge My might.”

The sinners in Zion are afraid;

Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites:

“Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire?

Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?”

He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly,

He who despises the gain of oppressions,

Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes,

Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed,

And shuts his eyes from seeing evil:

He will dwell on high;

His place of defense *will be* the fortress of rocks;

Bread will be given him,

His water *will be* sure.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸ And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

¹³ Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,

That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your young men shall see visions,

Your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above

And signs in the earth beneath:

Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

²¹ And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of
the LORD
Shall be saved.'

***Hymn of Preparation: "Be Still for the Presence"**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Sermon: Isaiah 33:10-16

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: "Trust and Obey"**

When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,
He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear,
Not a sigh or a tear, Can remain when we trust and obey.

Repeat Chorus

Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey.

Repeat Chorus

Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do,
Where He send we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey.

Repeat Chorus

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**