

Christ Church

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*Reformed Teaching* † *Re-forming People*

**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 28

Q. How does the Lord's supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?

A. In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command he gave this promise: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of him who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

Q. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?

A. It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and by believing to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.

Q. Where does Christ promise to nourish and refresh believers with his body and blood as surely as they eat this broken bread and drink this cup?

A. In the institution of the Lord's supper: *"...the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*" This promise is repeated by Paul in these words: *"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."*

**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:** Father, forgive us for we often fail to act as if we are members of Christ's Body. Our words and actions fail to show that we partake of His body and blood which were sacrificed to make us a special people for Himself. Instead we persist in the old ways of ungodliness and worldly lusts. We rely on what is natural to us instead of on divine grace. Teach us to desire full and complete communion with Jesus. Forgive our failure to show complete dependence on You. Cleanse us by Your Holy Spirit and redeem us from all lawless deeds. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Kyrie: (recited, not sung)**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri: (recited, not sung)**

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.

**Collect of the Day:** O God, You have welcomed us to know You and to be satisfied in Christ our Savior who prepared good works in advance for us to do. Unfold our salvation and teach us to love You with all our heart so that we will not chase after this world's dreams and so lose out on the joy of the new life Christ has purchased for us. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** *Genesis 12:1-3, 14:14-24*

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

**<sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.**

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

**<sup>14</sup> Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained *servants* who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.**

<sup>15</sup> He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which *is* north of Damascus.

**<sup>16</sup> So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.**

<sup>17</sup> And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that *is*, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who *were* with him.

**<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High.**

<sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth;

**<sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.**

<sup>21</sup> Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

**<sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,**

**<sup>23</sup> that I *will take* nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that *is* yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'—**

**<sup>24</sup> except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."**

**\*Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 16:2*

On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 6:24*

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon:** Generosity – Part 2

**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.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**