

Christ Church

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Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 65:1-2

Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.
O You who hear prayer,
To You all flesh will come.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 16 (pages 16-17)

Q. Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

A. Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.

Q. Why was He buried?

A. His burial testifies that He really died.

Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

Q. What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with Him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to Him.

Q. Why does the creed add: "He descended into hell"?

A. To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 345 - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Call to Confession: Psalm 69:29-33 But I am poor and sorrowful; let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, which has horns and hooves. The humble shall see this and be glad; and you who seek God, your hearts shall live. For the LORD hears the poor, and does not despise His prisoners.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for we have not loved our Savior as He has loved us. Even though we have been purchased at the price of His blood, we have continued in the ways of the flesh. We have failed to consider ourselves crucified with Christ. We have broken Your laws and rebelled against our calling to offer ourselves in gratitude to our Savior. Have mercy on us. Give us grace that we might live the new life Jesus gives us. We pray in His Name. Amen.

Kyrie: (recited, not sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

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: Almighty God, fix our hearts so that we may readily bow the knee of submission to Jesus and eagerly confess that He is Lord. Remove all idols which rob us of the joy of worship. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Psalm 139 (pages 554-555)

***Epistle Lesson:** Romans 8:31-39 (page 1005)

Missions Moment

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** Praise Book 34 - "In Christ Alone"

Sermon: "Cause for Thought"

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.

***Hymn of Response:** 49 – "I Must Tell Jesus"

Benediction

Postlude