

Christ Church

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**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** 2 Peter 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 28 (pages 23-24)

*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.*"

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 322 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**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:**

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:** 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, since You have loved us so fully that You sent Your Son to give His life as a ransom to redeem us, continue to pour Your love into our lives by Your Spirit within us so that we might be pure in our love for others. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*First Gospel Lesson:** Luke 2:41-52 (page 906)

**\*Second Gospel Lesson:** John 2:1-11 (page 939)

**\*Epistle Lesson:** Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 19B (back of bulletin)

**Sermon:** "All About Love – Part 5"

**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:** 108 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**