

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 73:25-28

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all Your works.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 7 (pages 11-12)

Q. Are all men saved through Christ just as all were lost through Adam?

A. No. Only those are saved who by true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all His blessings.

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Q. What then must a Christian believe?

A. Everything God promises us in the gospel. That gospel is summarized for us in the articles of our Christian faith—a creed beyond doubt, and confessed throughout the world.

Q. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God, the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the

dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; I believe a holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 374 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Call to Confession: Psalm 25:6-7 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, by nature we are faithless and rebellious. We tend to follow idols rather than hold to what is plain in Holy Scripture. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness and our unwillingness to die to ourselves. We confess that in our foolishness we neglect devoting ourselves to bearing Gospel fruit for You. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus, have mercy on us and cleanse us from the sins of unbelief and rejecting Your promises. 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: Zephaniah 3:16-17 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

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 (unison): Lord Jesus, You have suffered so that we might be made righteous with Your own righteousness. Grant us

believing hearts to relentlessly seek in You all that You have prepared for us. Open our hearts to grasp the wonder of the grace You have brought to us so that we might live in joyful gratitude and humble surrender. We pray in Your Name. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 53:10-11

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.

When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.

By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

***First Epistle Lesson:** Romans 5:10

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

***Second Epistle Lesson:** 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.

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 66:1-5 (back of bulletin)

Sermon: Isaiah 53:11

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 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:** 621 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**