

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 27:1, 4* – The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?...One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

Heidelberg Catechism: *Lord's Day 6* (pages 10-11)

Q. Why must he be truly human and truly righteous?

A. God's justice demands it: man has sinned, man must pay for his sin, but a sinner cannot pay for others.

Q. Why must he also be true God?

A. So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

Q. And who is this mediator-true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

Q. How do you come to know this?

A. The holy gospel tells me. God Himself began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise; later, He proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets, and portrayed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; finally, He fulfilled it through His own dear Son.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 98 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Collect of the Day (unison): O Lord, fix our hope on Your precious promises and give us faith so that we may live in joy as we learn of our blessed future. Accept our praise this day for our great salvation, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 65: 17-25* (page 662)

***Epistle Lesson:** *Revelation 21:1-4*

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

² Then I, [a]John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

***Gospel Lesson:** *John 17:24*

²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: *Isaiah 65: 17-25*

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 136:1-9* (back of bulletin)

Reading of The Law: *Exodus 20:1-17* (page 68)

Call to Confession: *Psalm 106:4-6* – Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation, that I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

Prayer of Confession: Father, we have failed in our lack of zeal to daily strive to partake of Christ, the only true Mediator. We have also largely ignored the Gospel as if it has no bearing on how we live our lives. We have not applied ourselves to abiding in Christ and pursuing fruitfulness. Our longings have not focused on seeing Christ in glory. Purify our hearts and teach us to love Jesus with our whole heart and to look to Him in faith daily to redeem every part of our lives for His

glory. For the sake of our Savior, remember His sacrifice made for us and forgive us our sins. 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: *Colossians 2:13-14* – And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

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.

Holy Communion

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:** 468 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**