

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

### **Moments of Concern**

#### **Call to Worship:** Psalm 66:1-4

Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name;  
make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power your enemies shall submit themselves to You. All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name."

#### **Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 2 (page 8)

*Q. How do you come to know your misery?*

A. The law of God tells me.

*Q. What does God's law require of us?*

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22 – "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

*Q. Can you live up to all this perfectly?*

A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

#### **\*Hymn of Adoration:** 319 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Call to Confession:** Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Prayer of Confession:** Father, we beg Your forgiveness for we have shown hatred to You as we have disregarded Your commands and rejected Your call for us to be holy. We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul; instead we have allowed sin to creep in and steal

our affections. We have been content to have you far from us. We confess that we have hated our neighbor because we have not loved

others as we love ourselves. For the sake of Jesus our Savior whose life was sacrificed that we might be free of our sins, have mercy on us and grant us full and complete pardon. We ask 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):** Almighty God, You have loved us in our helplessness. Give us grace to seek and cling to You all our days. You have brought us into union with Yourself. Cause Your Spirit to produce much fruit in us for Your glory. We are truly debtors to Your grace and grateful for the opportunity to serve You in this new year. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 64:1-7 (page 661)

**\*Epistle Lesson: Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,  
<sup>12</sup>teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,  
<sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

<sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

**\*Gospel Lesson: Mark 15:33-34**

<sup>33</sup> Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

<sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

**Children’s Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 42 (back of bulletin)

**Sermon:** Isaiah 64:1-7

**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:** Praise Book #70 “Clothed in Righteousness”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**