

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

### **Moments of Concern**

**Installation of Deacons:** Robin Blakeley, Mark Curfman, Joanie Keith

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 21:13* – Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 5 (page 10)

*Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?*

A. God requires that His justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of His justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.

*Q. Can we pay this debt ourselves?*

A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.

*Q. Can another creature-any at all-pay this debt for us?*

A. No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for man's guilt. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.

*Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?*

A. He must be truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, He must also be true God.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 370 *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

**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 to do justly, love mercy and

walk humbly with You. We have attempted to rest in our own counterfeit version of religion and have tried to hide our sinfulness from

You. When You provided for us the true Mediator, we failed to show proper gratitude for the salvation we have received and insisted on flirting with temptation. We are self-absorbed and seek pleasure above holiness. For the sake of our Savior, remember His sacrifice made for our sins, grant us forgiveness and in mercy apply His righteousness to us. We pray in His 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.

**Collect of the Day (unison):** Almighty God, without Your strength and protection we would easily fold under the pressures of this world, yielding to the temptation to love ourselves and earthly pleasure more than we love You. Please preserve and sustain us in the faith we have received from the Holy Spirit until we come to see our Savior face to face. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 65: 8-16*

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, 'Do not destroy it, For a blessing is in it,' So will I do for My servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah an heir of My mountains; My elect shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there.

- <sup>10</sup> Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, for My people who have sought Me.
- <sup>11</sup> “But you are those who forsake the Lord, who forget My holy mountain, who prepare a table for Gad, and who furnish a drink offering for Meni.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will number you for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear, but did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I do not delight.”
- <sup>13</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed;
- <sup>14</sup> Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and wail for grief of spirit.
- <sup>15</sup> You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen; for the Lord God will slay you, and call His servants by another name;
- <sup>16</sup> So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from My eyes.
- \*Epistle Lesson:** *2 Corinthians 1:20* - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.
- \*Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 5:8* - Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

### **Children’s Sermon**

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

**Sermon:** *Isaiah 65: 8-16*

### **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:** 608 “*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**