

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

### **Moments of Concern**

#### **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 103:1*

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

#### **Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 4 (pages 9-10)

*Q. But doesn't God do man an injustice by requiring in His law what man is unable to do?*

A. No, God created man with the ability to keep the law. Man, however, tempted by the devil, in reckless disobedience, robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.

*Q. Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?*

A. Certainly not. He is terribly angry about the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge He punishes them now and in eternity. He has declared: "Cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them."

*Q. But isn't God also merciful?*

A. God is certainly merciful, but He is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against His supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty – eternal punishment of body and soul.

#### **\*Hymn of Adoration:** 337 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 145:8, 18* – The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

**Prayer of Confession:** Holy Father in heaven, we confess before You our sinfulness. We are polluted through and through—even in the deeds that look good to the public. We abhor what we have become due to

Adam's sin, and we abhor the sins we have committed. As we have come

to trust in Jesus for salvation, the One who alone can remove our uncleanness and impurity, teach us to live in dependence on Him every

day, trusting that the washing we receive from Him will supply cleansing

for every sin we commit. We ask Your forgiveness for not daily striving to lay hold of You. We pray in the Name of our precious Savior, Jesus. 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):** O Lord, turn Your face toward us and remember the covenant You have made with all who are in Christ. Awaken our hearts and stir our love for You so that we will diligently call on You daily. Preserve the precious gift of grace You have granted us so that we not drift away and set our affections on things of this world instead of the things of heaven. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 64:1-12* (page 661)

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 15:11-19*

<sup>11</sup> Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

<sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.

<sup>13</sup> And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

<sup>14</sup> But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

<sup>15</sup> Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

<sup>16</sup> And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

<sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

<sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" '

**Missions Moment**

**Children's Sermon**

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

**Sermon:** *Isaiah 64:6-12*

**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:** 107 "*Amazing Grace*"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**