

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

### **Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 43:3-4* – Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 11 (pages 13-14)

*Q. Why is the son of God called "Jesus" meaning "savior"?*

A. Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.

*Q. Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?*

A. No. Although they boast of being His, by their deeds they deny the only savior and deliverer, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in Him all they need for their salvation.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 345 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 51:16-17* – For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

**Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, forgive us, for when we are stressed, bored or dissatisfied, we have sought rival comforts other than from Your Son Jesus our Savior. We have failed to regard Jesus as holy and glorious or to present our hearts for You to make us godly. Cleanse us of all pride that keeps us from clinging to Christ alone to save us. Forgive us and break us of our tendency to look to both Jesus and idols as our hope or to try to justify ourselves as good enough according to our own standards. Help us to revere You and Your

holiness as supreme. We pray in the Name of Jesus who alone can rescue us from evil. 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:** *Proverbs 28:13* – He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

**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 been the hope and confidence of Your people in all ages. Open our eyes to see Your beauty and glory so that we might dedicate our lives to worshipping You. Preserve us from destruction and bring us safely home to Your presence for eternity. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 66:14-24* (pages 663-664)

**\*Epistle Lesson:** *2 Thessalonians 1:6-9*

<sup>6</sup> since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

<sup>7</sup> and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

<sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *Mark 9:42-48*

<sup>42</sup> "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.

<sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—

<sup>44</sup> where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

<sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—

<sup>46</sup> where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

<sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—

<sup>48</sup> where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

### **Children’s Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 130 (back of bulletin)*

**Sermon:** *Isaiah 66:14-24*

### **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:** 456 *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**