

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship:

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

L: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 15 (pages 15-16)

Q. What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

A. That during His whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race. This He did in order that, by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, He might set us free, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Q. Why did He suffer "under Pontius Pilate" as judge?

A. So that He, though innocent, might be condemned by a civil judge, and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

Q. Is it significant that He was "crucified" instead of dying some other way?

A. Yes. This death convinces me that He shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was accursed by God.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 289 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Collect of the Day (unison): Almighty God, by the power of the resurrection, we have already been changed in that we have been turned from idols to serve You, the only living and true God.

Complete in us the work of Christ so that we will be released from

death and raised in the likeness of our Savior, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory forever. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Jeremiah 10:10* - But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.

***Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 1:8-10*

⁸ For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

***Gospel Lesson:** *John 20:1-18* (pages 961-962)

Children's Sermon

Sermon: *1 Thessalonians 1:8-10*

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 98 (back of bulletin)*

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

Call to Confession: *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* – Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, Your Son suffered in both body and soul the wrath that we deserved to receive. Without His sacrifice we would surely be swept away in judgment. For the sake of our Savior who has purchased us with His blood, grant us mercy and forgive us for ignoring or rejecting Your gentle goodness and resisting or resenting Your will for our lives. In our pride we have acted as if we are Your equal. We have not been thorough in addressing our sins and taking responsibility for them. Renew a right spirit within us. Remove any hardness from our hearts and faithlessness from our souls. With gratitude for His sacrifice 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: *Isaiah 53:4-5* – Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

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 – *"Jesus is Alive"* – Ensemble

***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:** 298 *"Christ Arose"*

***Benediction**