

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

### **Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 2:12* – Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 19 (page 18)

*Q. Why the next words: "and sits at the right hand of God"?*

A. Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that He is head of His church, and that the Father rules all things through Him.

*Q. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?*

A. First, through His Holy Spirit He pours out His gifts from heaven upon us His members. Second, by His power He defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

*Q. How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?*

A. In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All His enemies and mine He will condemn to everlasting punishment: but me and all His chosen ones He will take along with Him into the joy and the glory of heaven.

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

**\*Collect of the Day (unison):** O God, grant us contentment to rest in Your will for our lives and trust Your provision. Thank You for rescuing us from the coming wrath. Teach us to believe that since Christ was given to rescue us, we will lack nothing we need in this cursed world. Set us free from worries and anxieties so that we might worship You freely as we recognize Your goodness more each day. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 65:13-14

<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.

**\*Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 2:4-5, 13-16*

<sup>4</sup> **But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.**

<sup>5</sup> For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God is witness.

<sup>13</sup> **For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.**

<sup>14</sup> For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,

<sup>15</sup> **who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men,**

<sup>16</sup> forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 23:29-36* (page 874)

### **Children's Sermon**

**Sermon:** *1 Thessalonians 2:13-16*

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"* (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 eternal, we confess that we have not honored our exalted Lord as He deserves. We have not cherished and put to good use the gifts He has given. Nor have we eagerly sought His help to battle against the enemies of the world, the flesh and the devil. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Teach us to look forward to the return of our Savior and to prepare with repentant and submissive hearts for that day. We ask these things 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**

**\*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:** 621 *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

**\*Benediction**