

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 104:33-34* – I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 20 (page 18)

Q. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

- A. First, He, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.
Second, He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all His blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 336 "*O Worship the King*"

Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:10-12* – Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for we have not sought the leading of the Holy Spirit. We have failed to engage in spiritual disciplines with fitting zeal. We have not been faithful to pray for grace to produce the fruit of the Spirit. We have ignored conviction the Spirit has brought us. We have not diligently used the gifts we have received from Your Holy Spirit to serve Christ's kingdom. We have not sought the Spirit's help to prepare our hearts to receive Scripture. Have mercy on us, and bring us cleansing as Your Spirit works within us. 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: *2 Chronicles 34:26b-27* – Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard—because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the Lord.

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 God, You are the Giver of all good things. We give You thanks for Christian mothers and for our church family. Yet we know that Satan would destroy church families and Christian homes in order to keep us from glorifying You. Please protect Your glory in us and grant us faith to serve You no matter what hindrances our adversary throws in our way. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 66:12-13*

¹² For thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; on her sides shall you be carried, and be dandled on her knees.

¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

***Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 2:17-20*

¹⁷ But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire.

¹⁸ Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.

¹⁹ For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 8:21* – But He answered and said to them, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *1 Thessalonians 2:17-20*

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:** 458 *“Take My Life, And Let It Be”*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**