

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 119:68* – You are good, and do good; teach me Your statutes.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 28 (pages 23-24)

Q. How does the Lord's supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

A. In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command He gave this promise: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely His body was offered and broken for me and His blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of him who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely He nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with His crucified body and poured-out blood.

Q. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink His poured-out blood?

A. It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and by believing to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although He is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.

Q. Where does Christ promise to nourish and refresh believers with His body and blood as surely as they eat this broken bread and drink this cup?

A. In the institution of the Lord's supper: "...the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had

given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." This promise is repeated by Paul in these words: "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

***Hymn of Adoration:** 325 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Call to Confession: *Hosea 6:1* – Come, and let us return to the LORD; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

Prayer of Confession: Father, forgive us for we often fail to act as if we are members of Christ's Body. Our words and actions fail to show that we partake of His body and blood which were sacrificed to make us a special people for Himself. Instead we persist in the old ways of ungodliness and worldly lusts and fail to revel in the glory of being made bone of Christ's bone and flesh of His flesh. Teach us to desire full and complete communion with Jesus. Forgive our failure to grow in our desire to draw from our Savior all that He would give. Cleanse us by Your Holy Spirit and redeem our wayward desires. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Have Mercy:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.
Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.
Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.
Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon: *John 1:9* – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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, Your beauty is more than we can imagine or desire. Open our hearts to acknowledge Your greatness, and so may we have peace as we come to love and trust You above all things. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Amos 5:8 – He made the Pleiades and Orion; He turns the shadow of death into morning and makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth; the LORD is His name.

***Epistle Lesson:** 1 John 4:7-11

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 7:7-12

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

¹² Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 42* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *Addressing Fear and Anxiety – Part 3*

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:** 147 *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**