

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

### **Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 50:1-6* – The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people: “Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.” Let the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord’s Day 36 (pages 29-30)

Q. What is God’s will for us in the third commandment?

A. That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders. In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess Him, pray to Him, and praise Him in everything we do and say.

Q. Is blasphemy of God’s name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent it and forbid it?

A. Yes, indeed. No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry than blaspheming His name. That is why He commanded the death penalty for it.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 2 “How Great Thou Art”

**\*Collect of the Day (unison):** Lord, Your Church is so frail that without Your constant and abiding mercy and grace, we would surely fall away from You. Preserve our faith in and love for You that when You return we will be found ready and eager to be with You forever. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** *Daniel 12:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.

<sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

**\*Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

<sup>13</sup> But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

<sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *John 11:25-26*

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

<sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

### **Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon:** *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Part 1)*

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 7:1-9* (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, forgive us for our lack of reverence for Your Name. We have used it in unholy ways. We have tolerated its misuse when we could have done something about it. We have worn Your Name and by our actions have failed to bring glory to it. Our hearts do not fear You as they should. Teach us of Your glory that we might be humbled before You and that we might rightly use Your Name as we confess before others that You alone are God and Your ways alone are true. Turn Your anger from us and pardon our sins. 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:** God sent a reply to Josiah, the repenting king of Judah which said, "because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words . . . and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you." (excerpted from 2 Chronicles 34:26-27)

**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:** *"Thank You Jesus for the Blood"* (insert)

**\*Benediction**