

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 115:1* – Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 48 (page 35)

Q. What does the second request mean?

- A. Your kingdom come means, Rule us by Your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to You. Keep Your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against You and every conspiracy against Your Word. Do this until Your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it You are all in all.

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

Call to Confession: *Psalm 106:4-6* – Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation, that I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, we confess that we have not been eager to welcome Your kingdom. We have instead been preoccupied with our own desires and have at times resented Your rule over us. Often we have demonstrated more loyalty to this world than to You. Have mercy on us and forgive us. We fear to admit that our disobedience and apathy have promoted the devil's work. Our hearts have grown hard. Redeem us from such worthlessness and rid us of rebellion. Increase in us a true desire for Your kingdom to come and the day when You will be hailed as our all in all. 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: *Isaiah 66:2b* – "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word."

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 Lord, open our eyes to recognize Your goodness. Soften our hearts so that we will give ourselves freely to praising You. Raise us from making our heart's desire Your creation, and instead may Your Spirit set our affections on You. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

***Old Testament Verse:** *Psalm 66:16* – Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.

Old Testament Verses: *Jeremiah 17:5-7*

⁵ Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD.

⁶ For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.

⁷ "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD.

***New Testament Lesson:** *Hebrews 10:16-23*

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

¹⁷ then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

¹⁸ Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

- ¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God,
²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalms 136:1-9* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: "Reasons for Praise and Thanks"

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:** 619 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**