

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Installation of Deacon: Janet Curfman

Call to Worship: *Psalm 21:13* – Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 5 (page 10)

Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

A. God requires that His justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of His justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.

Q. Can we pay this debt ourselves?

A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.

Q. Can another creature-any at all-pay this debt for us?

A. No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for man's guilt. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

A. He must be truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, He must also be true God.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 98 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***Collect of the Day (unison):** Almighty God, without Your strength and protection we would easily fold under the pressures of this world, yielding to the temptation to love ourselves and earthly pleasure more than we love You. Please preserve and sustain us in the faith we have received from the Holy Spirit until we come to see our Savior face to face. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Psalm 14:1-3*

¹The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

²The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

³All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Ecclesiastes 7:20* – Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins.

***Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 3:9-27* (page 1001)

Children's Sermon

Sermon: "Bad News Guilty – Good News Pardoned"

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 36:5-12* (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, we have failed to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You. We have attempted to rest in our own counterfeit version of religion and have tried to hide our sinfulness from You. When You provided for us the true Mediator, we failed to show proper gratitude for the salvation we have received and insisted on flirting with temptation. We are self-absorbed and seek pleasure above holiness. For the sake of our Savior, remember His sacrifice made for our sins, grant us forgiveness and in mercy apply His righteousness to us. We pray in His 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: *Colossians 2:13-14* – And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

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:** PB #34 *"In Christ Alone"*

***Benediction**