

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 27:1, 4* – The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?...One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

Heidelberg Catechism: *Lord's Day 6* (pages 10-11)

Q. Why must he be truly human and truly righteous?

A. God's justice demands it: man has sinned, man must pay for his sin, but a sinner cannot pay for others.

Q. Why must he also be true God?

A. So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

Q. And who is this mediator-true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

Q. How do you come to know this?

A. The holy gospel tells me. God Himself began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise; later, He proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets, and portrayed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; finally, He fulfilled it through His own dear Son.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 363 *"To God Be the Glory"*

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, we have failed in our lack of zeal to daily

strive to partake of Christ, the only true Mediator. We have also largely

ignored the Gospel as if it has no bearing on how we live our lives. We have not applied ourselves to abiding in Christ and pursuing fruitfulness. Our longings have not focused on seeing Christ in glory. Purify our hearts and teach us to love Jesus with our whole heart and to look to Him in faith daily to redeem every part of our lives for His glory. For the sake of our Savior, remember His sacrifice made for us and forgive us 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: *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.

Collect of the Day (unison): O Lord, fix our hope on Your precious promises and give us faith so that we may live in joy as we learn of our blessed future. Accept our praise this day for our great salvation, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Epistle Lesson:** *Colossians 1:15-18*

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 36:5-12* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *"Believing in What We Believe"*

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 #8 *"Before the Throne"*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**