



Christ Covenant Church

Service of Covenant Renewal

The Lord Calls Us

✠ The congregation shall rise for worship

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen!*

The Lord be with you! *And also with you.*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *Who made heaven and earth.*

This is the Day

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J. Berthier, Taizé

This is the day the Lord has made We will re-joice and be glad.

Give to the Lord the glo-ry due Him, Wor-ship the Lord in hol-i-ness.

✠ The Collect of the Day shall be prayed

✠ Hymn of Praise

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says to us, His people:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these laws in our hearts we pray!

The Lord Cleanses Us

Beloved people of God, since we have not kept these laws perfectly, let us confess our sins:

Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry for our sins, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. (silent confession.)

Gracious Father, hear our prayers of confession, in Jesus Name. *Amen!*

✠ Hymn of Confession

CREATE in Me a Clean Heart

From Psalm 51

C. PROUT, 1835-1909

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; And re -

new a right spi - rit with - in me.

Declaration of Pardon and Forgiveness: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news: Almighty God our heavenly Father, has promised to forgive the sins of all who turn to Him with repentance and faith. Hear these words of assurance and comfort for those who truly turn to Christ our Savior:

✠ Jesus said: *Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*
 ✠ The Apostle Paul writes: *This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*
 ✠ The Apostle John writes: *And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins.*
 Beloved people of God through Christ our Savior, with authority as His minister, I declare, your sins are forgiven you! **Amen!** (be seated)

The LORD Consecrates Us

- ✠ The First Lesson **The Word of the Lord.** *Thanks be to God!*
- ✠ Responsive Psalm **Amen!**
- ✠ The Epistle Lesson **The Word of the Lord.** *Thanks be to God!*
- ✠ The Gospel Lesson **The Gospel of our Lord.** *Glory be to Jesus Christ!*

Your Word, O Lord

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1. Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet,
 2. Incline my heart all Your statutes to keep,
 and a light to lighten my path - way.
 for in them my soul is re - joic - ing.

Beloved people of God, let us now confess with confidence the undoubted Christian Faith: Christians, what do you believe? (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe a holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen!

✠ Now the people shall stand to sing a *Hymn of Rejoicing*, after which they may be seated. The *Sermon text* shall be read, followed by the *preaching of God's Word*. Following the sermon and prayer, a *Hymn of Response* shall be sung, the congregation standing.

The Offering: Let us now offer ourselves to God, freely giving our tithes and offerings from hearts filled with gratitude.

✠ Now the congregation shall sing a **Doxology**.

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Doxology.

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LOUIS BOURGEOIS.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be-low;

Praise him a-bove, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Offertory Prayer: Father, receive now these gifts offered to you in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, as we return to you a portion of that which you have freely given us. Bless these tithes and offerings for the support of the work of the church, to care for the poor and needy, to promote the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and to build up your kingdom. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

✠ The congregation shall be seated.

The Prayer of the Church: The Word of God calls us to be faithful in prayer, let us now bow our hearts before our Heavenly Father, confident that He hears us, and delights to answer us according to His will.

Almighty God, our Father, *be gracious to us and hear us.*

Lord Jesus Christ, *have mercy on us and help us.*

Holy Spirit, *pour out Your blessings upon us.*

From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from all the deceptions and assaults of the devil; from deadly disease and famine; from war and bloodshed; from calamity of storms and natural disasters; and from everlasting death; *Deliver us, O Lord.*

By the mystery of Your incarnation; by Your miraculous birth; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and suffering; by Your cross and passion; by Your sacrificial death and Your burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Comforter, the blessed Holy Spirit; *Help us, O Lord.*

Raise those who fall and strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the weak and the distressed; in all our troubles; in all our prosperity; throughout all our life; and even to the hour of death; *Help us, O Lord.*

Rule and govern Your Holy Church; preserve all pastors and ministers in true knowledge and the understanding of Your Holy Word; put an end to all divisions and causes of offense; bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray and are deceived; send faithful workers into Your harvest; and crush Satan under our feet; *Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

Give to all peoples unity and peace; preserve our land from discord and strife; protect Your people in every time of need; guide and direct all who are in authority over us; grant protection to all who travel; bless every Christian mother with children; strengthen every godly father; protect Your covenant children from error and wickedness; defend and provide for orphans and widows; bless those who are suffering with sickness and disease; bless this church, and the whole Church of Jesus Christ;
Hear our prayer, O Lord.

(Let us now lift up to the Lord our special petitions in silent prayer.)

And now, Heavenly Father, hear us in the words our Savior taught us to pray, saying...
Our Father, Who 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.

✠ The congregation shall rise to sing the **Gloria Patri** (with hands raised).

Gloria Patri

Joseph Barnby



Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son,
And | to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ev-er | shall be,
World without | **end.** | **A-** | men.

The Lord Communes with Us

Lift up your hearts! *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! *It is proper and right to do so!*

Truly it is proper, right, and good that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks to You, Almighty God, our Everlasting Father. (the proper preface)

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we bless and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You and singing....

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord Al - migh - ty; Heav'n and
earth are full of Your glo - ry, Lord God of Hosts.

✂ The congregation may be seated.

Beloved people of God, our Lord Jesus Christ now invites you to His Table. He said, "Do this in remembrance of Me", so let us prepare our hearts to eat together and receive His bountiful grace. Let us bow in prayer.

Heavenly Father, we praise You, for You in Your great mercy, gave Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there a full, perfect, sufficient sacrifice, for our sins; and commanded us to celebrate this memorial meal of His life-giving sacrifice, until His coming again:

For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took Bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you; for this is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

O Lord our heavenly Father, according to the institution of Your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we now gather to celebrate with joy this memorial meal Your Son commanded; keeping in remembrance His blessed passion and sacrificial death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; giving to You most hearty thanks for the many benefits we have in Christ. *Amen.*

✠ Now the congregation shall sing a **Communion Hymn**. The elements of the Lord's Supper are given to family representatives who come forward to receive first the Bread, then the Wine. Please be seated and wait before eating.

Prayer for the Bread & the Communion:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of this Bread. We pray that as we eat of it in faith, the Holy Spirit would unite us more and more to our Savior, Jesus Christ, and to each other in His Body. Help us to rejoice in the Lamb of God Who gave Himself for us! *Amen!*

The Lord be with you! *And also with you!*

The Bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ? *Yes, it is!* The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve you body and soul unto everlasting life. *Amen!*

Prayer for the Cup & the Communion:

Almighty God, we give You thanks for this Cup, the New Covenant in Christ's blood. We thank and praise You, that through the precious blood of Jesus, we have been washed clean and made righteous in Your sight. Help us by the Holy Spirit, therefore, to walk in newness of life. *Amen!*

The peace of Christ be with you! *And also with you!*

The Cup of blessing, which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? *Yes it is!*

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve you body and soul unto everlasting life. *Amen!*

✠ Now the congregation shall rise.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! *And His mercy endures forever!*

Benediction & Commission

Beloved people of God receive this Benediction:

Now may the God of peace Who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every in good work to do His will, working in you what is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen!*

✠ The congregation shall sing a hymn of dismissal.

GOD OF OUR SALVATION, HEAR US

THOMAS KELLY, 1820 (VERSES 1&2)
BRIAN L. PENNEY, 2011 (VERSE 3)

JOHANN LUDVIG STEINER, 1688-1761

1. God of our sal - va - tion, hear us,
2. While our days on earth are length - ened,
3. Glo - ry, hon - or, praise, and bless - ing,

Bless, O bless us as we go;
May we spend them faith - ful - ly;
Be to God, Whom we a - dore;

In this world be ev - er near us,
Cheered by hope and dai - ly strength - ened
And let ev - 'ry knee be bow - ing,

Keep us safe from ev - 'ry foe.
May we run, nor wea - ry be.
At His throne for - ev - er - more.

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Charge & Dismissal

Finally brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might; put on the whole armor of God; fight the good fight of faith....we are dismissed to serve the Lord with gladness!

