

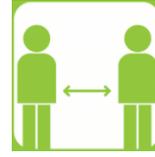
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Christ Church of Wiesbaden

Order of Worship for August 29 & 30, 2020

Call to Worship: Ephesians 5:29-32; Song of Solomon 6:3

For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

ALL: *I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.*

Singing: *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

1. Come behold the wondrous mystery, In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, Took on flesh to ransom us
2. Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering, Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, Of the law; in Him we stand
3. Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners, Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, Grace unmeasured, love untold
4. Come behold the wondrous mystery, Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, Praise the Lord; He is a-live!
What a foretaste of deliverance, How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, As we will be when he comes

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: The Holy Spirit Enables us to Understand God's Truth 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Prayers of Repentance

Offertory and Singing: Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do) Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is) Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is) Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? (He does) Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe, Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God To reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
He is!

Prayer of Petition

Sermon: The Mystery of Christ and the Church

Ephesians 5:28-33

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **28** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30** because we are members of his body. **31** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." **32** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. **33** However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

I. The Counter-Cultural-ness of Christian Marriage

II. The Mystery of "One Flesh"

III. The Practical Implications

Singing: The Church's One Foundation #347

1. The church's one Foundation, Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation, By water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her, to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food. And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endured.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union With the God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee.

Benediction

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