

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama



I received some years ago
orders from my Master
to stand at the foot
of the cross
until He comes.

He has not come yet,
but I mean to stand there until
He does.

~ C.H. Spurgeon

The Lord's Day, September 14, 2014

The Responsive Reading

Shorter Catechism Questions, #85-87

Minister: What does God require of us, that we may escape His wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

All: To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Minister: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

All: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.

Minister: What is repentance unto life?

All: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

◀ This doctrinal responsive reading helps us better understand what faith and repentance are.

† The Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

*I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

*I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

View Him prostrate in the garden,
On the ground your Maker lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him;
Sinner, will this not suffice?

*I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Lo! Th'incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

*I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

◀ This wonderful hymn of Joseph Hart (1759) is often thought of as a call to the unbeliever. However, it is the Christian who can and should take such admonition and comfort from its text.

◀ Music: Southern Harmony, 1835; text: Joseph Hart, 1759; refrain, anonymous

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

“In Heavenly Love Abiding”

arr. Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir; Rina Bristol, *oboe*

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear.

And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.

The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,

But God is ‘round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back.

My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack.

His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim.

He knows the way He taketh, and I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen.

Bright skies will soon be over me, where darkest clouds have been.

My hope I cannot measure, the path to life is free.

My Savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.

◀ In 1 Corinthians 16:2 Paul says: “*On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper....*” This practice of collecting was continued as a regular part of public worship. Justin Martyr, around A.D. 150 describes such a collection. The collection is both for the maintenance of the church and for the care of those in need, and it affirms that we are stewards, not owners, of God’s good gifts. We also praise God in song for His goodness towards us all the time.

The Interlude

The Sermon

GRACE DEMANDS “JESUS FIRST”

Calling Before Life

Acts 20:22-27

LV. Exposition of Acts

Mr. McRoberts

◀ Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children’s Church. Following the worship service, please pick up your children from the Children’s Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD

THE CALL TO FAITH AND REPENTANCE

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Participation requires your reverence and attention, discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper, meditation on Christ's suffering and death, self-judgment, sorrow for sin, desire for Christ, feeding on Him in faith, trusting in Him, rejoicing in His love, giving thanks for His grace, renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ, and your special love to all Christians.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your Holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, Oh Lord! with heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress.

The Interlude and Meditation

Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Child of God, be comforted and hear the good tidings of the Gospel: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Believe the Gospel and live in peace.

The Hymn No. 254

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Serving of the Meal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

† The Hymn No. 572

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” [stanzas 1-2, 4]

† The Benediction

† The Congregational Response

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Oh thus be it ev'r, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;
And this be our motto: “In God is our trust!”
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

† The Postlude

† Indicates standing as able

◀ This is an invitation to confess your sins to God; to bring your brokenness and lay it at the foot of the cross.

◀ We are reminded of the redeeming, pardoning grace of our heavenly Father.

◀ Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn before departing the upper room.

◀ On September 14, 1814, U.S. soldiers at Baltimore's Fort McHenry raised a huge American flag to celebrate a crucial victory over British forces during the War of 1812. The sight of those “broad stripes and bright stars” inspired Francis Scott Key, a committed Christian, to write a song that eventually became the United States national anthem. Today marks the 200th anniversary of the composition.

LORD'S DAY EVENING SERVICE

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

Scripture Calls Us to Worship ~ *Psalm 103:8-11*

Mr. McRoberts

Minister: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

Minister: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

Hymn No. 188 – “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

Prayer Invoking the Presence of God

Special Music – “Spirit of Mercy, Truth and Love”

Howard Helvey

Women's Ensemble

Spirit of mercy, truth and love, O shed your influence from above;
And still from age to age convey the wonders of this sacred day.

In ev'ry clime, by ev'ry tongue be God's eternal glory sung:
Let all the list'ning earth confess the Name that claims our faithfulness.

Unfailing Comfort, heav'nly Guide, still o'er this holy Church preside;
Descend upon us like a dove, Spirit of mercy, truth and love.

Responsive Reading ~ Psalm 32

Hymn Medley

“O Great God”

◀ Page 795 in the *Trinity Hymnal*

◀ Words and Music by Bob
Kauflin © 2006 Sovereign Grace
Praise (Admin by EMI Christian
Music Publishing) #703090

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

◀ Words: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795; Music: American Folk Hymn; arr. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836-1899

Evening Prayer

Mr. Bob Stoddard

Scripture Reading ~ Revelation 5

Mr. Davis Smith

◀ Page 1314 in the Pew Bible

Interlude

◀ Children in grades 1-5 may leave to attend their classes.

Homily

Mr. Howell

THE LION WHO IS A LAMB

Revelation 5

V. Exposition of Revelation

Introduction

I. The Book of Destiny: vv. 1-5

II. The Description of the Lion/Lamb: vv. 6-7

III. The Adoration of the Lion/Lamb: vv. 8-14

Conclusion

Hymn of Commitment No. 402 – “Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide” [st. 1, 5]

Benediction

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, September 14, 2014****The Lord's Day**

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship/Communion
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship/Communion
 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the Coopers

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK**Monday, September 15**

- 11:30 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting in the John Knox Room
 12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, September 16

- 6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
 1:00 P.M. WIC Study in the Westminster Room

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:30 A.M. Men's *Search the Scriptures* in the John Knox Room
 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study in the Westminster Room
 11:45 A.M. WIC Study in Room 203
 12 Noon Ministry of Outreach in the John Knox Room
 4:00 P.M. Ministry of Shepherding in the John Knox Room
 5:00 P.M. *Relax* ■ Church Family Supper
 5:40 P.M. *Renew* ■ Prayer, Sharing, Singing
 6:00 P.M. *Refresh* ■ Something for Everyone
 7:00 P.M. Executive Committee
 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
 7:00 P.M. Diaconate Meeting in the John Knox Room

Thursday, September 18

- 9:30 A.M. *Mother2Mother* in the Spires Room
 7:00 P.M. Third Thursdays BookTalk in the Spires Room

Trinity Church Prayer Focus:

Worship at TPC: God-ward, Christ-focused, Spirit-driven, Gospel-oriented

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:

Jim and Linda Sims ~ Tennessee ~ New Tribes Mission Aviation

WELCOME

Welcome to the family of Trinity Presbyterian Church! We believe that the Lord has a purpose in bringing you here today, and we extend to you a genuine greeting as you worship with us. *Everyone is encouraged to sign the Friendship Registers at the center aisle end of the pews.* The Spires Room is set up to provide overflow seating for each Lord's Day morning worship service. Please use this seating when the sanctuary is overcrowded or you have special worship needs. If you are new to Trinity, please speak to a minister at one of the doors at the close of the service and inform him. To find out more about the many opportunities to serve and learn at Trinity, please visit our website, www.trinitypca.org. Audio enhancement units are available from an usher in the Narthex. Our morning service is broadcast live over WNZZ AM 950 at 11:00 a.m. in the metropolitan area and on iHeart Radio on the internet. Archived sermons may be heard at any time on our website: www.trinitypca.org. Complimentary childcare is provided for all worship services.

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