

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama



The Lord's Day, September 28, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

September 28, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

John Milton expressed the perils threatening the bishop (overseer, elder) when he described their failure in that terrible juxtaposition of two words that seem to contradict each other: "blind mouths."

That is the tragedy that is possible to every minister of the Word; instead of seeing, he may be blind; instead of feeding, he may become merely a mouth desiring to be fed.

~ G. Campbell Morgan, The Acts of the Apostles, (473)

The Welcome and Announcements [8:25 and 10:55 A.M.]

The Prelude Prelude on MCKEE arr. Dale Wood

The Striking of the Hour

The Christian Greeting

† **The Ascription of Praise** "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

Come, let us sing unto the Lord
New songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by Him are done,
His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

† **The Call to Worship** Mr. Howell

Minister: I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

People: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Minister: [Jesus said] "I am the good shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

† **The Hymn No. 5** "God, My King, Thy Might Confessing"

† **The Confession of Our Faith** Apostles' Creed

† **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

† **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

◀ The tune MCKEE is the tune that we will use to sing "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" later in the service.

◀ Welcome in the name of the Good Shepherd! Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

◀ We confess together our common faith with saints from early Christendom. Words may be found on the inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*.

† The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Morning Prayers

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Most Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Personal Confession of Sin

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and deliver you from all evil, comfort and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Pastoral Prayer

† The Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

◀ Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

◀ Any honest worship of God must include sincere repentance and confession, for we have offended Him in thought, word, and deed. We confess not only our *sins* but also our *sinfulness*.

◀ The Pastoral Prayer includes thanksgivings, supplications, and petitions.

◀ David's Shepherd Psalm ~ the Beloved Psalm 23.

◀ Traditional Irish Melody;
Text: Henry Williams Baker, 1868

The Morning Offering

The Meditation

Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Anthem "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 53

Page 780 in the Pew Bible

† The New Testament Lesson

Acts 20:28-38

Page 1182 in the Pew Bible

† The Response

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Interlude

The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

"PAUL'S CHARGE TO THE ELDERS"

Acts 20:28-38

LVI. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

I. SHEPHERDS, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES

- A. Why Must an Elder Take Care of Himself?
 1. The Holy Spirit has made him an overseer.
 2. Jesus obtained the Church with His own blood.
- B. How Must an Elder Take Care of Himself?
 1. Commended to God Himself
 2. Commended to the Word of His Grace

◀ It is better to share with others than to keep what you have and collect more. The blessing is not found in accumulating more wealth but in sharing it. Jesus became poor that we might become rich (II Corinthians 8:9).

◀ A prayer invoking the Holy Spirit to help the minister to preach faithfully the honor of Jesus Christ and His Word; and further, that the hearer would have ears to hear and the eyes to see and the courage to act upon what is heard and taught.

◀ 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).

◀ Biblical preaching strives for the one meaning to the text while making modern-day application to the hearer.

II. SHEPHERDS, TAKE CARE OF THE SHEEP

- A. Why Must an Elder Take Care of the Sheep?
1. The Holy Spirit has made him an overseer.
 2. Jesus obtained the Church with His own blood.
- B. How Must an Elder Take Care of Sheep?
1. By _____ about the sheep.
 2. By _____ for lost sheep.
 3. By _____ for hurting sheep.
 4. By _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ to minister.
 5. By _____ _____.
 6. By _____ the sheep the Word.
 7. By constantly _____ _____ to the Word of His grace ... the gospel.

III. SHEPHERDS, "TAKE CARE OF" THE WOLVES (ENEMIES)

CONCLUSION ~ Closing Applications

The Closing Prayer

Almighty God, I commit into Your care these men who are the leaders of the church.... Keep them by the power of Your Holy Spirit and by the Scriptures, by which alone You speak to the church and through which You have chosen to operate. Keep them from danger. Preserve this church from evil within and without. Grant that it might be strong. Fill it with people who know Your Word, and because they know Your Word, live in close fellowship with You. Let them grow in grace and thus instead of succumbing to the temptations of the world, become strong in the knowledge of Who You are and by the Holy Spirit determine to obey You and walk after You.

† **The Hymn No. 349** "O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art" [stanzas 1, 3-5]

† **The Benediction**

† **The Quiet Reflection, Meditation and Personal Application**

† **The Postlude** "Fugue from Sonata No. 2" Felix Mendelssohn

† Indicates standing as able

QUOTE FROM TEDDY ROOSEVELT

It is not the critic who counts. Not the man who points out where the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again because there is no effort without error and short-coming, who does actually try to do the deed, who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion and spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the worse if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly. Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy or suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that neither knows victory or defeat.

God, spare Trinity Church from the "gray twilight."

◀ This Closing Prayer was written by James Montgomery Boice for the elders in his own church, Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While it is obviously a prayer for the leadership, one will quickly note that the prayer is for the church as a whole. We pray this prayer in unison this morning for our own beloved Trinity Presbyterian Church.

◀ Let the worshipper quietly reflect upon the spiritual impact the worship service has had upon him/her.

LORD'S DAY EVENING SERVICE

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

Prelude

Miss Caris Button, *piano*

Scripture Calls Us to the Worship of the Living God ~ *Psalm 23* Mr. McRoberts

Hymn No. 585 – “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Prayer Invoking the Nearness of God

Scripture Reading ~ *Revelation 7*

◀ Page 1315 in the Pew Bible

Interlude

◀ Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to attend their classes.

Anthem

“He Walks among the Golden Lamps” Dudley-Smith
Trinity Youth Choir
[This hymn can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal*, page 315]

Homily

Mr. Howell

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHURCH

Revelation 7

VII. Exposition of Revelation

- I. Introduction
- II. The Number of the Sealed: vv. 1-8
 - A. Delayed Destruction: vv. 1-3
 - B. Detailed Enumeration: vv. 4-8
- III. The Multitude of the Redeemed: vv. 9-17
 - A. Heavenly Worship: vv. 9-12
 - B. Authoritative Explanation: vv. 13-17

Conclusion

Lord's Supper

Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Hymn – “Power of the Cross”

Confession of Our Faith ~ Apostles' Creed

Quiet Personal Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution

Serving of the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Closing Song – “The Steadfast Love of the Lord” [twice through]

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord.
Great is Thy faithfulness.

Benediction

Your evening offering may be given to one of the ushers standing at the doors as you exit.

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◀ Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*

◀ You are invited to come forward to receive the meal. If you are unable and would like to receive the sacrament, please indicate this to the usher. An elder will serve you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK
OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, September 28, 2014

The Lord's Day

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir
5:00 P.M.	Communicants/Parents Meeting
5:00 P.M.	Ministry of Nominations/Elections in the John Knox Room
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship/Communion/Communicants' Class
7:00 P.M.	Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the Coopers

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK

Monday, August 29

12 Noon	Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room
5:30 P.M.	WIC General Meeting in Trinity Hall

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

6:30 A.M.	Men's <i>Search the Scriptures</i> in the John Knox Room
7:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study in the Westminster Room
9:00 A.M.	WIC Council in the John M. Ward Session Room
11:30 A.M.	Ministry to Youth in The Frith
11:45 A.M.	WIC Study in Room 203
5:00 P.M.	<i>Relax</i> ■ Church Family Supper
5:40 P.M.	<i>Renew</i> ■ Prayer, Sharing, Singing
6:00 P.M.	<i>Refresh</i> ■ Something for Everyone
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir
7:00 P.M.	Ministry of Administration
7:00 P.M.	Ministry of Missions Prayer Time in the John Knox Room

Thursday, October 2

9:30 A.M.	Mother2Mother in the Spires Room
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Trinity Church Prayer Focus:

The Nomination of Officers for the Classes of 2017

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:

Ed and Tere Solomon ~ Child Evangelism Fellowship and Military Children Ministry

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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