

But as for me, it is good to be near God.

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, January 4, 2015 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

Time is short. Our days on earth are brief. There is but a step between us and death. We dare not put off "for a more convenient season" the need to ensure that we are in a right relationship with God. That "season" may never come. Our sinful hearts will always find something more important to focus on. Governor Felix, like a flashing neon sign, is a warning to us against delay. [As we close this year and begin a new one], the message that should reverberate in our hearts is this: the time to be made right with God is now. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

~ Derek W.H. Thomas

Leave nothing unsettled that is eternal. Run no risk when your soul is at stake.

~ J.C. Ryle

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS [8:25/10:55A.M.]

THE PRELUDE

"I Saw Three Ships"

arr. Dale Wood

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CHRISTIAN GREETING

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. ~ Romans 11:36

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE AND CONFIDENCE NO. 30

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Curles

Minister: The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.
(Psalm 145:18)

People: God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

Minister: From the rising of the sun to its setting My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to My name, and a pure offering. For My name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)

People: Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe and for what would you be willing to die?

† THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

[Words may be found in the *Trinity Hymnal*, inside front cover.]

† THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† THE DOXOLOGY

THE MORNING PRAYERS

The Corporate Confession of Sin~ Psalm 32 [*Trinity Hymnal*, Pages 795-796]

The Silent Personal Confession of Sin

The Assurance of God's Pardon ~ Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. *Child of God, believe it; and live in peace.*

† THE HYMN

"O Church, Arise"

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1. O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to

they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith -

en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -
or; When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

gainst the dev - il's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger

cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Meditation

I Corinthians 4:7

The Anthem “Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning”

Chancel Choir; Brian Atkins, tenor

[text may be found in the *Trinity Hymnal*, page no. 206]

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

† THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalms 7:9-17* Page 571 in the Pew Bible

† THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 24:22-27* Page 1188 in the Pew Bible

† THE RESPONSE

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

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

THE INTERLUDE OF QUIET PREPARATION

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 SERMON

Mr. McRoberts

WHEN I FIND TIME? REALLY?

Making the Most of My Time in 2015

Acts 24:22-27

LXIV. Exposition of Acts

THE SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION UPON A NEW YEAR [handout]

THE CHORUS

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

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. [2X]

† THE BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

Minister: Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.

People: AMEN!

† THE QUIET REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PERSONAL APPLICATION

† THE POSTLUDE

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† Indicates the congregation standing, as able

Before the eyes of the Lord and in the presence of God

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45

In the Sanctuary ~ Instrumental Prelude

In the Westminster Room ~ Prayer for the Service with the Ministers

Call to Worship ~ *cf. Isaiah 33:22*

Minister: The Lord is our Judge. The Lord is our Lawgiver. The Lord is our King.

People **It is HE Who will save us!**

ALL ***Amen!***

Hymn No. 44

“How Great Thou Art” [stanzas 1, 3-4]

Prayer Invoking the Nearness of Our God

Reading God's Word ~ Revelation 13

Page 1319 in the Pew Bible

Medley of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs [handout]

Evening Prayer

Interlude

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Homily

Mr. Howell

THE MARK OF THE BEAST, *Part 2*

Revelation 13

Introduction

I. The Beast from the Sea: vv. 1-10

A. The Appearance of the Beast: vv. 1-3

B. The Allegiance to the Beast: vv. 4-8

C. The Admonition to the Churches: vv. 9-10

II. The Beast from the Land: vv. 11-18

A. The Appearance of the Beast: v. 11

B. The Activity of the Beast: vv. 12-17

C. The Admonition to the Churches: v. 18

Conclusion

Closing Hymn No. 598 ~ “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Benediction

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We cordially welcome in Christ's name all who worship with Trinity Church this morning and evening. If you are new to Trinity, please sign the Friendship Register in the pew and speak to a minister at one of the doors at the close of the service. Audio enhancement units are available from an usher. Please use the Spires Room as an annex for the morning service when the sanctuary is overcrowded or if you need to worship in a smaller environment. A nursery is available during all worship services. Our morning service is broadcast live at 11 o'clock over WNZZ-AM 950 and iHeart Radio on the internet. [CCLI #703090]

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, January 4, 2015

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
	6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
	7:15 P.M.	Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the Coopers

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, January 5-10, 2015

Monday	12 Noon	Men's Bible Study Lunch in the Spires Room
Tuesday	6:45 A.M.	Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
Wednesday	6:30 A.M.	Men's Search the Scriptures Study in the John Knox Room
	7:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study and Breakfast in the Westminster Room
	9:00 A.M.	WIC Council in the John M. Ward Session Room
	12 Noon	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.	Session Meeting (2014 Session plus the Class of 2017)
	7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Trinity Church Prayer Focus of the Week

Midweek Kick-Off This Week!

Good Food • Fellowship • Studies • Choir Rehearsal

Missionary Focus of the Week

Greg and Julieann ~ Global Serve International

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