

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

MAY 8, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter, feelings lie buried that grace can restore, touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness, chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

"Rescue the Perishing" ~ FANNY J. CROSBY

The Welcome and Announcements

To preserve the atmosphere of worship and in keeping with church policy, we request that no video or still photographs be taken during the service. For a DVD copy of the service, contact swilliams@trinitypca.org.

The Prelude Bourrée and Gigue from "Violin Partita No. 3 in E Major" J.S. Bach
Delyana Lazarova, violin

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

† The Call to Worship

Mr. Curles

Minister: Glorify the Lord with me!

People: Let us exalt His Name together.

Minister: Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask

or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and

ever. Amen.

Congregation, please stand as able

- † The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation
- † The Lord's Prayer

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Recognition of Our 2016 High School Graduates (11:00)

HANNAH LINDSEY ALLEN - Trinity Presbyterian School MICHAEL MASON BLACKWELL - Macon East Academy WILLIAM FORREST BOPP - Trinity Presbyterian School SAVANNAH OLIVIA ELROD - Trinity Presbyterian School MARY STUART GOOCHER - Trinity Presbyterian School ELIZABETH SHEA HENRY - Trinity Presbyterian School REBEKAH GRACE HITCHCOCK - Prattville High School CHRISTINA CLAIRE HOGAN - Trinity Presbyterian School BRAY O'DANIEL JONES - Trinity Presbyterian School BRYSON DAVIS PAINTER - Eastwood Christian School HAMMOND MALONE PARSONS - Trinity Presbyterian School OLIVIA PAIGE PENDLEY - Trinity Presbyterian School KATHRYN PIERCE RUSSELL - The Montgomery Academy CAITLIN MCKENZI SHOEMAKER - Trinity Presbyterian School Anna Katherine Slawson - Trinity Presbyterian School JACKSON SELLERS SOUTH - Eastwood Christian School MATTHEW NOAH TAUNTON - Cornerstone Christian Academy WILLIAM BENNETT DAVIS TERRY - Brewbaker Technology Magnet School MICHAEL STEPHEN WALES - Ezekiel Academy MURIEL GRACE WARING - Ezekiel Academy RICHARD ALLEN WILLIAMSON III - Saint James School

In loving memory of
GORDON GRAY GODWIN
May 15, 1997-November 28, 2013

The Morning Prayer (11:00)

Mr. Cooper

The Hymn No. 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (stanzas 1-2, 5)

ST. LEONARDS

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

† The Reading of God's Word

Matthew 12:15-21

Page 1038 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

Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.

Following the service, please pick up your children from the

Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).

The Sermon

BEHOLD, MY SERVANT...MY BELOVED Matthew 12:15-21

Mr. McRoberts

Introduction

- I. Jesus' Strategic Withdrawal Reveals Much About His Character: vv. 15-16
- II. Jesus' Commitment to the Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy is Revealed in His Loyalty and Devotion to His Father's Mission for Him: vv. 17-21
 - A. Commended by the Father: v. 18a
 - B. Filled (and Equipped) with the Holy Spirit: v. 18b
 - C. Loyal to the Message: v. 18c
 - D. Devoted to Meekness: v. 19
 - E. Tender Toward the Weak: v. 20a
 - F. Persistent Until Victorious: vv. 20b-21

Conclusion

Admission of Covenant Children to the Lord's Supper (8:30)

Introduction of the Children:

CHRISTOPHER HINTON BRYAN, JR. MILLEDGE CALVIN CARMICHAEL MATTIE DALE FREEMAN LUCY HOUSE HALL NATHANIEL BAILLIE JOHNSON ELAINA GRACE LADNER BORDEN ABIGAIL LASH MERRITT GIBSON LEE JOEL DAVID McCLINTON III WILLIAM MICHAEL ROMANOWSKI MARY ELIZABETH RUTLAND JOHN NOBLE SEALE SYDNEY CHARLOTTE SPEAGLE JOHN COLEMAN STANLEY JOSHUA BRANDON WALES RICHARD JAMES WARING HANNAH GRACE WOODALL

The Words of Explanation

The Recitation of the Heidelburg Catechism ~ Questions 1 and 2

- Q. What is thy only comfort in life and death?
- A. That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; Who, with His precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.
- Q. How many things are necessary for thee to know, that thou, enjoying this comfort, mayest live and die happily?
- A. Three: the first, how great my sins and miseries are; the second, how I may be delivered from all my sins and miseries; the third, how I shall express my gratitude to God for such deliverance.

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† The Confirmation Vows

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Prayer of Dedication

Mr. Cooper

Almighty and eternal God, strengthen these Your servants, we beseech You, with the Holy Spirit, Your Comforter, and daily increase in them Your manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and keep them in Your mercy unto life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Defend, O Lord, these Your servants with Your heavenly grace; that they may continue Yours forever; and daily increase in them Your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto Your everlasting kingdom. And may the God of all grace, Who has called them to His eternal glory, confirm them to the end, that they may be blameless in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Declaration Mr. McRoberts

Forasmuch as you have made confession of your faith, I do now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, admit you to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and to the fellowship of Christ's Church.

The Charge

And now confirmed as a member of Christ's Church, go forth into the world in peace; take courage; put on the full armor of God; be above reproach; have a good reputation with those outside the church; there is no reason for revenge—leave it in the Lord's hands; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; pray for the afflicted; love God and love others; believe the gospel; rest in the freedom of grace; diligently do the good deeds prepared in advance for you to do; and do all things without complaining; rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

The Hymn of Preparation No. 261 What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore; How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own; How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

† The Benediction of God's Grace and The Congregation's AMEN

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace ... until the day breaks and all these shadows flee away. **AMEN.**

- † The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application
- † The Postlude La Réjouissance from "Music for the Royal Fireworks" Frideric Handel



The sanctuary flowers this Lord's Day are given to the glory of God by the *Women in the Church* in loving memory of

SARAH CHRISTY MCRAE
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RUTH ARCHIBALD RIVES
ELIZABETH CECILE SMITH
MARJORIE JEANNE DUBINA
CHARLOTTE RAWLS THORINGTON
HAZEL MALLOY QUIGGINS
RUTH ROBERTSON MCKINNEY

the Trinity Church women who have died since last Mother's Day.

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45 P.M.

In the Sanctuary—Instrumental prelude
In the Westminster Room—prayer for the Service with the ministers

Scripture Calls Us to Worship Isaiah 49:15-16

Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Hymn No. 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5)

TOULON

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Confession No. 486 God, Be Merciful to Me

REDHEAD

Silent Confession of Sin

Luke 13:34

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 91:1-4

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Evening Prayer Based on Psalm 91:5-16

Hymn O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (see page 12)

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Homily "The Truth" Mr. Curles

Names of Jesus John 14:6

Choral Benediction A Clare Benediction John Rutter

Trinity Youth Choir

May the Lord show His mercy upon you; May the light of His presence be your guide: May He guard you and uphold you; May His Spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep, may His angels watch over you; When you wake, may He fill you with His grace: May you love Him and serve Him all your days, Then in heaven may you see His face.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go



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