



Sunday Evening Vespers

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JANUARY 12, 2025

Evening Vespers

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

[Ordination] that solemn rite, or act, by which a candidate for any office in the Church of Christ, is authoritatively designated to that office, by those who are clothed with power for that purpose.

SAMUEL MILLER, THE RULING ELDER

Service, not power or prestige, is the purpose of church officers, as of all believers. The Christian follows his Lord in the way of the cross. Jesus repeatedly reversed the disciples' thinking. They sought worldly greatness – places of honor in His kingdom; but He asked if they could drink His cup of suffering, and told them that He came, not to be served, but 'to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'

EDMUND CLOWNEY, THE CHURCH



Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

Prelude

O For the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn

† The Welcome and Call to Worship – Revelation 4:11 (**congregation reads bold type**)

“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.”

† Prayer of Invocation

† Hymn No. 66

This Is My Father's World

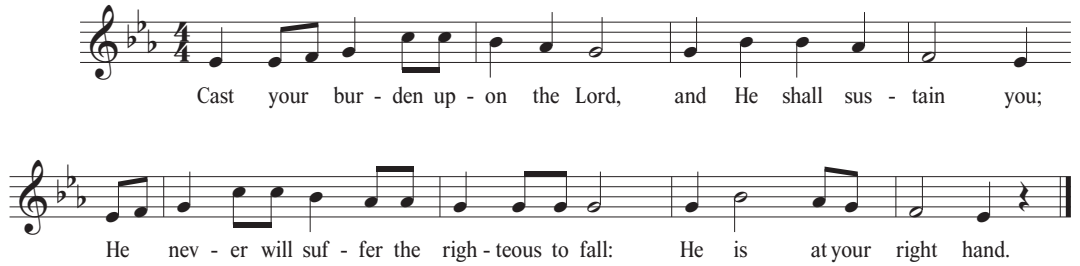
TERRA BEATA

Evening Prayer

† Indicates the congregation standing

Prayer Response

Cast Your Burden



Cast your bur - den up - on the Lord, and He shall sus - tain you;
 He nev - er will suf - fer the righ - teous to fall: He is at your right hand.

Psalter Reading – Psalm 34:1-9

I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!
 I sought the LORD, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
 Those who look to Him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
 Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
**Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints,
 for those who fear Him have no lack!**

† Hymn (see page 6)

Fill Thou My Life

ELLACOMBE

† Scripture Reading – Ruth 2:1-23

pew Bible, page 283

The Sermon

RUTH

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

II. A Peculiar Providence

† Hymn 76

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

Ordination and Installation of Officers (**To be ordained*)

Elders	Richard Garrett	Deacons	Robert Allan
	Bart Harmon		John George Archer
	Timothy Howe		David Beach
	Franklin Johnson*		Luke Carlson*
	Stuart Newsome*		Charles Hudson*
	Davis Smith*		Cody Muzio*
			Zack Shaw*
			David Stanley
			Harrison Taylor
			Michael Tortorici*

Ordination and Installation Vows

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the church?

Vow of the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitle them?

Prayer of Consecration		Rev. Cooper
Welcome Into Fellowship		
Declaration		Rev. Cooper
Charge to New Officers		Rev. Howell
Charge to the Congregation		Rev. Cooper
† Doxology – No. 650 in <i>The Hymnal</i>		OLD HUNDREDTH
† Benediction		Rev. Whitehurst
The Postlude	<i>Jerusalem</i>	Hubert Parry arr. Edward Elgar



Leading In Worship This Evening
 Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*
 Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*
 Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*
 Mrs. Shannon Mathai, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*
 Miss Mary Clare Johnson, *Violin*

RUTH

II. A Peculiar Providence

Ruth 2:1-23

I. The Lord's Providence

II. The Lord's Provision

III. The Lord's Promise

Fill Thou My Life



1.Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God, in ev' - ry part with praise,
2.Praise in the com - mon words I speak, life's com - mon looks and tones,
3.So shall each fear, each fret, each care be turned in - to a song,



that my whole be - ing may pro - claim Thy be - ing and Thy ways.
in fel - low - ship en - joyed at home with my be - lov - ed ones,
and ev' - ry wind - ing of the way the e - cho shall pro - long.



Not for the lip of praise a - lone, nor e'en the prai - sing heart,
en - du - ring wrong, re - proach, or loss with sweet and stead - fast will,
So shall no part of day or night from sa - cred - ness be free,



I ask, but for a life made up of praise in ev' - ry part:
for - gi - ving free - ly those who hate, re - tur - ning good for ill.
but all my life, in ev' - ry step, be fel - low - ship with thee.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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