

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

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, September 1, 2013 ▪ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

Scottish Reformer George Wishart was burned at the stake in front of St. Andrew's Castle February 1546. He said to those gathered around him, "For the Word's sake, the true Gospel given me by the grace of God, I suffer this day by men; not sorrowfully, but with a glad heart and mind. For this cause I was sent, that I should suffer this fire for Christ's sake." When the hangman himself came to Wishart and said, "Sir, I pray you, forgive me," he answered, "Come hither to me," kissed him on the cheek and said, "Lo, here is token that I forgive thee. My friend, do thy work."

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

* THE PRELUDE "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" Buxtehude
Mrs. Elizabeth V. Arnold, *organ*

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE SALUTATION

*† THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICAEA
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 149:1-2, 4-6* Mr. Curles
Minister: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His
praise in the assembly of the godly!
People: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion
rejoice in their King!
Minister: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns
the humble with salvation.
People: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on
their beds.
Minister: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-
edged swords in their hands.

*† THE HYMN No. 2 "O Worship the King" LYONS

† THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CALL TO PRAYER AND HUMBLE SUBMISSION

Psalms 63:1-4

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For your meditation: *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:5-7

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE HYMN No. 335 "Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me"

REDHEAD

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

"With a Voice of Singing"

Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name, Make His praise to be glorious.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

† THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 8:1-8* Page 1165 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 HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high,
appear;**

Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:

"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

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

THE MINISTRY OF PHILIP (I)
Philip, the Evangelist
XVIII. Exposition of Acts
Acts 8:1b-8

INTRODUCTION

I. PERSECUTION

II. DISPERSION

III. EVANGELISM

IV. JOY

CONCLUSION

† **THE HYMN NO. 441** **“Jesus Shall Reign”** **DUKE STREET**

† **THE BENEDICTION**

Minister: May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

People: Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

† **THE RESPONSE** **“Holy, Holy, Holy!”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!**

† **THE POSTLUDE** **“Toccatà” from *Fifth Symphony*** **Widor**

* Indicates seating times for those who are detained † Indicates the congregation standing, as able

The ministerial staff and other church leaders are available following the service

to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith

or Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Please visit our Welcome Center outside the John M. Ward Session Room.

Learn more about Trinity Church and find a Sunday School community.

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 • Matthew Pillsbury, piano

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

An Evening Prayer for Worship • 6:00

Hymn of Praise No. 708 ~ "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Scripture Meditation ~ Psalm 126

Prayer Requests and Items of Praise

Report from the Field ~ Marty Baas, Christ's College, Taipei, Taiwan

Evening Intercession

Hymn Medley

No. 253, "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" [stanzas 1-4]

No. 32, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Children are dismissed.

Evening Homily

"Great Expectations"

Mr. Curles

Psalm 126

Hymn of Thanksgiving and Commitment ~ "All I Have Is Christ"

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way;

The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will

And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost

You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;

And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place,

You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Chorus: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ; Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone And live so all might see

The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me.

Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose

And let my song forever be my only boast is You. *Chorus 2X.*

Benediction

**Churchwide Fellowship following Evening Worship
We will meet on the colonnade
for ice cream sandwiches.**

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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 Westminster 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. Services on CD may be ordered through the Bookstore at 334-262-3935. [CCLI #703090]

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, September 1, 2013

The Lord's Day 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship

9:45 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship/Fellowship on the Colonnade
No Senior High Fellowship

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, September 2-7, 2013

Monday

Labor Day

Church Offices and Bookstore Closed

Tuesday 6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall

Wednesday 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

12 Noon Ministry to Youth in The Frith

12 Noon Ministry of Outreach in the John Knox Room

1:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee in Trinity Hall

5:00 P.M. *Midweek* Resumes

6:00 P.M. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 P.M. Ministry of Administration

7:00 P.M. Stephen Committee

Trinity Church Ministry Focus of the Week

Midweek Kick-off Schedule for Adults, Youth, Children, and Preschool

Missionary Focus of the Week

Marty Baas ~ *Christ's College, Taipei, Taiwan* [fall semester]

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