

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

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, January 5, 2014 ▪ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

While serving as a missionary doctor in the Belgian Congo (now Zaire) during a civil war in 1964, Helen Roseveare was captured by rebel soldiers, beaten, and physically abused. After her release and furlough, Helen returned to her work in Zaire for seven more years. These are her words:

"I want people to be passionately in love with Jesus so that nothing else counts," Helen said. "The world thinks I'm foolish for going there. But if God sent me to Africa with my family, He's going to look after us If I get AIDS, it's because He wants me to witness to others who've got it. How's that for success? I'm a fanatic. Nothing counts except knowing your sins have been forgiven by the blood of Jesus. We only have this short life to let others know the same truth."

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

* **THE PRELUDE** "What Child Is This" arr. Richard Purvis

* **THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

*† **THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA
Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren
land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalms 124:8* Mr. Curles
Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and
earth.

*† **THE HYMN No. 30** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" [stanzas 1-4, 7] ST. ANNE

† **THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH** The Apostles' Creed
[see inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*]

† **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 DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDRETH

THE READING OF THE LAW

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE HYMN

“Amazing Grace!”

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

**Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” arr. K. Lee Scott

[The text can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* No. 335.]

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

† **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Acts 12:18-25* **Page 1171 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 HYMN OF PREPARATION “Speak, O Lord” [insert]

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[stanza 1: choir; stanzas 2-3: congregation]

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 DEATH OF HEROD AND THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

Acts 12:19b-25

XXX. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD HEARS PRAYER ~ 12:19b-22

II. GOD HATES PRIDE ~ 12:23

III. GOD HONORS HIS PURPOSES ~ 12:24-25

CONCLUSION ~ FINAL APPLICATIONS

A. THE EARLY CHURCH WAS A PRAYING CHURCH.

B. THE EARLY CHURCH WAS A HUMBLE CHURCH.

C. THE EARLY CHURCH WAS A GROWING CHURCH.

THE MORNING PRAYER

† **THE HYMN No. 441**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

† **THE BENEDICTION**

Minister:The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, descend and rest
in your hearts until the day breaks and all these
shadows flee away.

People: AMEN!

† **THE RESPONSE**

EIN’ FESTE BURG

**God’s Word is our great heritage, and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor;
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay;
LORD grant while worlds endure we keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations.**

(Nicolai E.S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872)

† **THE POSTLUDE**

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella”arr. Keith Chapman

* Indicates seating times for those who are detained † 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 ~ Matthew Pillsbury, piano

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

Congregational Medley

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

Hymn No. 1 – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” [stanzas 1, 3]

Hymn No. 2 – “O Worship the King” [stanza 1]

Opening Prayer of Adoration

Mr. McRoberts

Scripture Meditation ~ New Year Selections to Be Read by the Minister

Medley of Choruses [handout]

“Sanctuary”

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

“He Is Lord”

“There Is a Redeemer”

Evening Prayer

Hymn – “All I Have Is Christ” [handout]

Piano Interlude

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Homily

Mr. Howell

COMFORT AND JUDGMENT AT CHRIST'S RETURN

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Introduction

I. An Indication of God's Righteous Judgment: v. 5

II. The Description of the Judgment: vv. 6-8

A. Outcome of the Judgment: vv. 6-7a

B. Revelation of the Judge: v. 7b

C. Subjects of the Judgment: v. 8

III. The Consequences of the Judgment: vv. 9-10

Conclusion

Quiet Meditation of Personal Application

Closing Response ~ “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's
praise,**

The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy
name.**

Benediction

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OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, January 5, 2014

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
7:15 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the McRoberts

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, January 6-11, 2014

Monday 12 Noon Men's Bible Study Lunch in the Spires Room
Tuesday 6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
9:00 A.M. WIC Council Meeting in the John M. Ward Session

Room

Wednesday 6:30 A.M. Men's Search the Scriptures Study in the
John Knox Room

Room 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study and Breakfast in the Westminster

5:00 P.M. *Relax* • Church Family Supper
5:40 P.M. *Renew* • Prayer, Sharing, Singing
6:00 P.M. *Refresh* • Something for Everyone
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 P.M. Officer/Staff Orientation in the Westminster Room

Trinity Church Prayer Focus of the Week

Midweek Kick-Off This Week!

Fellowship • Bible Study • Officer Orientation • Choir Rehearsal

Missionary Focus of the Week

Chris and Josephine Hatch ~ World Harvest, England

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