

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama

Established 1891 to the Glory of God



2 Corinthians 5:11–21

You are hard to love, too. Understanding this is the start of learning to love difficult people. Just like those difficult people, you and I sin and go astray (Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:22–23). It took Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for God to welcome you into His family. God doesn't love you because you make such a wonderful addition to His family; He loves you in spite of what you are like. And through His love for you, He changes you to be like Himself. He makes you lovely, even though you didn't start out lovely (2 Corinthians 5:17, 21). You need exactly the same things from God—grace, mercy, kindness, and welcome—that others need from you.

If deep down you know you are unlovable and God's acceptance of you is completely undeserved, then you will have a welcoming attitude toward other unlovely people. But if you believe you're basically a decent person who anyone would be privileged to know, then you won't welcome others until they get their act together and become decent ... just like you! Learning the difficult skill of loving difficult people starts by asking God to show you how hard you are to love. When He answers your prayer, ask Him to forgive you. Then because you have been forgiven for so much, you will be able to share the grace you have received with others (Luke 7:47).

~ William P. Smith

The Lord's Day, March 2, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

March 2, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

In the midst of opposition, Let them trust, O Lord, in Thee;
When success attends their mission, Let Thy servants humblest be.
Never leave them Till Thy face in heaven they see.

~ Thomas Kelly

The Welcome and Announcements [8:25 and 10:55A.M.]

The Prelude “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. John Carter

The Striking of the Hour

The Ascription of Praise “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Choir Only:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

† *Congregation and Choir:*

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

† **The Call to Worship** *Psalm 98:1-4* Mr. Howell

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

People: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Minister: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house
of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

† **The Hymn No. 343** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

◀ Each worshipper is greeted by a minister on behalf of the church. This warm greeting, followed by brief announcements, is an initial call to begin final preparations for worship.

◀ The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him (Habakkuk 2:20).

◀ The opening hymn is normally a vigorous, majestic song of praise. Preferably familiar, this hymn sets the tone for the whole service.

† The Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

The Call to Humble, Gracious Surrender

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

The Words of Assurance and Hope

Titus 3:3-7

The Faith Promise Report and Challenge

David Funderburk

Chairman, Ministry of Missions

† The Hymn

“O Church, Arise”

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 - en. With shield of
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or; When faced with
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the
win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of

faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing
cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -
grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry
grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with

out to those in dark - ness.
her - it - ance of na - tions.
eye and heart shall see Him.
Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

◀ Historically, the church has recited this model prayer. While praying as Jesus taught His disciples, the Lord's Prayer invokes in the Church a sense of unity with not only ourselves but also with "the great cloud of witnesses."

◀ We are assured of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives—a work of grace.

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem “King of Glory, King of Peace”

K. Lee Scott

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;
And that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou alone didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in Heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
E'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

◀ This text is by the 16th century English poet, orator, and Anglican pastor, George Herbert. “King of glory, King of peace” refers to Jesus Christ. The verse, “Thou didst note my working breast...” is a reference to labored breathing, denoting a sense of desperation. The next stanza shows that sin has caused this desperation. The sinner cries out to the Lord, who has compassion and “clears” him of his guilt. We see a response in the final stanza: unceasing praise, both now and in eternity.

The Prayer of Illumination [in unison]

Our Father in heaven, we bow in Your presence. We are a needy people. We never seem to have enough. And on this day, we desire more of Your Word. We are hungry, and we are thirsty. We thank you for the provision of the Bible. We thank You for this holy book. We ask as we read it that we might be conscious that we are truly reading the very words of God, the very mind of God in print. Come, Holy Spirit, and open the Word up to us. Give us understanding. Help us to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest ALL we hear; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

† The Scripture Lesson

Acts 14:1-7

[This Scripture may be found in the Pew Bible, page 1174.]

◀ This vital means of God's grace to us is a key element in the worship of God.

† 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 Morning Prayer with the Children (ages 4-year-olds through Grade 3)

The Interlude

*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).*

◀ During His ministry Jesus took time to pray and bless children. In a culture that placed little value on small children, this was surprising, if not a revolutionary practice for a respected teacher to condescend in such a manner (see Matthew 19:13-14). Jesus loved the children.

The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

PREACHING JESUS IN ICONIUM

Boldness • Division • Persecution • Growth

Acts 14:1-8

XXXV. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

I. A MULTITUDE BELIEVES ~ 14:1

II. ICONIUM IS DIVIDED ~ 14:2-4

III. FLIGHT FROM PERSECUTION ~ 14:5-7

CONCLUSION

The Quiet Meditation

◀ Ponder, reflect, and make personal application of the Word of God to your life.

† The Hymn

“Once to Every Man and Nation”

EBENEZER

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide;
In the strife of truth and falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great case, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight;
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.
Then to side with truth is noble, when we share her wretched crust;
Ere here cause bring fame and profit and 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses while the coward stands aside;
Till the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.
By the light of burning martyrs, Christ Thy bleeding feet we trace
Toiling up new calvaries ever with the Cross that turns not back.
New occasions teach new duties; time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of truth.
Though the case of evil prosper, yet the truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold and upon the throne be wrong;
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own.

† The Benediction

Jude 24-25

Minister: Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

People: **AMEN!**

◀ Whether expressed as a prayer, invoking the blessing of God upon the people (II Corinthians 13:14), or pronounced as a blessing upon the people (Numbers 6:24), on occasion we end the service with a doxology to God (Jude 24-25).

† The Silent Meditation

† The Postlude

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” arr. David Willcocks

† Indicates standing as able

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

Opening Hymn of Praise No. 355, "We Are God's People"

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Mr. McRoberts

Scripture Reading ~ Ephesians 3

Page 1242 in the *Trinity Hymnal*

Anthem, "I Will Praise Forever"

Handel; arr. Stephen Andrews

Trinity Youth Choir; Carey Albritton, *flute*

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Meditation No. 378, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Prayer for the Preaching of the Word of God

Interlude

Homily

THE SEVEN "I AM'S": *I Am the True Vine ...*
John 15:1

Mr. Cooper

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn No. 498, "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Benediction

Postlude

WELCOME

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. Services on CD may be ordered through the Bookstore at 334-262-3935.

PREPARATION • REFLECTION

GREETING • PRAYER

At 5:45 the congregation is invited to gather in the sanctuary for prelude music. While this time is meant for personal prayer and preparation for worship, it is also a time to greet one's brother and sister in Christ prior to worshipping together. Also at 5:45 there is a brief time of prayer in the Westminster Room. The minister and members of the congregation gather to pray for the worship service. All are invited and welcome to attend.

◀ Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

◀ Everyone is invited to the Westminster Room following the service to pray over Lieutenant Commander Andrew Smith, who will be deployed this week, March 7. Drew and Emily have one son William.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, March 2, 2014

- 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. Communicants' Class in The Frith
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
- 7:00 P.M. Special Prayer Meeting in the Westminster Room
- 7:15 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the McRoberts

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, March 3-7, 2014

Monday, March 3

- 12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, March 4

- 6:45 A.M. Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
- 1:00 P.M. WIC Bible Study in the Westminster Room

Wednesday, March 5

- 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 Adults Meeting in the John Knox Room
- 12 Noon Ministry to Youth Meeting in The Frith
- 5:00 P.M. Ministry to Children Meeting in the John Knox Room
- 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. Ministry of Administration Meeting

Thursday, March 6

- 9:30 A.M. Mother2Mother in the Spires Room
- 12 Noon Session Study Committee in the John Knox Room

Trinity Church Prayer Focus of the Week:

*An outpouring of the Spirit's ministry
and presence in the lives of Trinity members*

Missionary Focus of the Week:

*Argyris Petrou ~ Greek Bible College
Dina Petrou ~ House of Damaris*

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