

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montgomery, Alabama

Established 1891 to the Glory of God



The Lord's Day, March 9, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

March 9, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*If Jesus Christ be God and died for me,
then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.*

~ C.T. Studd ~ 1860-1931

Missionary to China, India, and Africa

God does not believe in atheists.

~ John Blanchard

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

The Prelude

“*Préambule* in C”

Louis Vierne

The Striking of the Hour

† **The Call to Worship**

Mr. Curles

Psalm 19:1a; Exodus 10:11a; Hebrews 11:3, 6

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God!

People: For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all they contain.

Choir: By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command.

All: And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

† **The Hymn No. 17**

“Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Praise the Lord ye heavens adore Him; praise Him angels in the height;
Sun and moon rejoice before Him; praise Him all ye stars and light;
Praise the Lord for He hath spoken; worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath He made.

Praise the Lord for He is glorious; never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail;
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high His power proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord we offer unto Thee;
Young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee;
All the saints in heav'n adore Thee; we would bow before Thy throne;
As Thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.

◀ All are welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church. If you are new to Trinity, please sign the Friendship Register in the pew. Audio enhancements are available from the Ushers. Please use the Spires Room as an annex for the morning service when the Sanctuary is full or if you need to worship in a smaller environment. Complimentary childcare is available for all services.

◀ No one is worthy to come into the presence of Holy God. But through Christ, our High Priest, Who loves us and gave Himself for us, we can enter boldly and confidently to our Father (Hebrews 4:14-16).

◀ The opening hymn is a hymn of majestic praise, focusing on Who God is and/or what God has done.

† 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 HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

◀ In the doxology we not only recognize the reality of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and also that we are worshipping with the heavenly host.

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 14:8-20

Page 1174 in the Pew Bible

The Hymn No. 646

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

◀ Jesus said, “I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

“Lamb of God”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

◀ The offering is a sacrifice well pleasing to God.

The Interlude

◀ Children ages four through Kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church. Following the service, please pick up your children in the Covenant Building E100.

The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

FAITHFULNESS AND FICKLENESS

Acts 14:8-20

XXXVI. Exposition of Acts

◀ Running deep in the Presbyterian tradition is expository preaching: preaching through books of the Bible section by section, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, phrase by phrase, and word by word.

INTRODUCTION

I. THE HEALING OF A MAN BORN CRIPPLED ~ 14:8-10

II. THE PAGAN SUPERSTITION OF THE PEOPLE OF LYSTRA ~ 14:11-14

III. THE URGENT, REVIVAL PREACHING OF THE WORD BY PAUL ~ 14:15-17

IV. THE FAITHFUL SERVANT RESISTS THE FLATTERY OF THE WORLD ~ 14:18

CONCLUSION ~ 14:19-20

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

† The Hymn of Preparation No. 500

“Rock of Ages”

† The Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful God: we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beseech You, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Your mercy to direct what we shall be; so that we may henceforth walk in the way of Your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† The Prayer of Humble Access

The Serving of the Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

† The Hymn of Commitment

“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

ODE TO JOY

May the grace of Christ our Savior and our Maker's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor rest upon us from above;
May we live in lasting union with each other and the Lord;
Finding joy in hearts' communion joy to share in lives outpoured.

† 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!**

† The Quiet Meditation and Personal Application of the Word

† The Postlude

“*Caprice sur les Grand jeux*”

Clérambault

† Indicates standing as able

◀ At the Lord's Supper, Christians, by faith, experience true communion with Christ in all His benefits.

◀ Corporate confession of sin is a biblical practice that has always had a place in corporate worship since the earliest days of the church. It unites us in acknowledging our need for ongoing repentance, forgiveness, and restoration.

◀ We confess faith in Jesus Christ: that which believe and that for which we would be willing to give our very lives.

◀ At the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, we are told that before the disciples left for the Garden of Gethsemane they sang a hymn together.

◀ We have been blessed by being with God. Now at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose in the name of Jesus Christ to be salt and light in the world.

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP ■ 6:00

Scripture Calls Us to Worship

Mr. McRoberts

A Gathering Hymn of Praise and Adoration No. 44

“How Great Thou Art” [stanzas 1, 3]

Opening Prayer Invoking the Presence of the Triune God

Scripture Reading ~ Ephesians 4

Page 1243 in the Pew Bible

Hymn Medley

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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 another in Christ. Also at 5:45 there is a brief time of prayer in the Westminster Room with the Minister to pray for the worship service. All are invited and welcome to attend.

“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 X2.*

Testimony of God’s Grace

Anthem, “Jesus, I Am Resting”

arr. Dick Anthony

Women’s Ensemble

Interlude

Homily

Mr. Curles

“That You May Know”
Luke 5:17-26
I. The Miracles of Christ

Quiet Contemplation and Personal Application

Closing Hymn, “Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”

Michael Card

Jesus, let us come to know You;
Let us see You face to face.
Touch us, hold us, use us, mold us.
Only let us live in You.

Jesus, draw us ever nearer,
Hold us in Your loving arms.
Wrap us in Your gentle presence,
When the end comes, bring us home.

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Benediction

Postlude

◀ Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, March 9, 2014

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship/Communion
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship/Communion
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
6:00 P.M. Communicants' Class in The Frith
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:15 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the McRoberts

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, March 10-15, 2014

Monday, March 10

- 9:30 A.M. WIC Circle Meeting in the Westminster Room
12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

- 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 of Worship 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

Thursday, March 13

- 9:30 A.M. Mother2Mother in the Spires Room

Friday, March 14

- 5:30 P.M. Faber/Stewart Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, March 15

- 5:00 P.M. Martha Eloise Faber/Aaron Holding Stewart Wedding

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Trinity Church Prayer Focus of the Week:

The 2014 Communicants' Class (23 students enrolled)

Missionary Focus of the Week:

David and Jill Martin ~ Mission to the World in Ukraine

