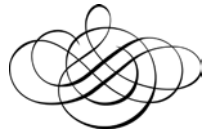


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama



Trials are designed to overwhelm us with a sense of our own inadequacy and to drive us to cling to Him more closely ... God fills our lives with troubles and perplexities ... to ensure that we shall learn to hold Him fast. The reason why the Bible spends so much of its time reiterating that God is a strong rock, a firm defense, a sure refuge and help for the weak is that God spends so much of His time bringing home to us that we are weak, both mentally and morally, and dare not trust ourselves to find or to follow the right road ... God wants us to feel that our way through life is rough and perplexing, so that we may learn thankfully to lean on Him. Therefore, He takes steps to drive us out of self-confidence to trust in Him ... to wait upon the Lord. In light of that we do not despair, we are not without hope, because God is the One on Whom we have set our hope.

~ J.I. Packer, Knowing God

Organized 1891 to the Glory of God

The Lord's Day, March 23, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

March 23, 2014 ■ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

*For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ
you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake.*

~ Philippians 1:29

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

The Prelude “Glory Be to Jesus” arr. Timothy Albrecht

The Striking of the Hour

The Call to Worship *Hebrews 11:6* Mr. Curles

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 Ascription of Praise No. 4** “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

† **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.

◀ 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 whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

◀ Ascribing to God the glory due to Him, we are reminded of WHO He is and WHAT He has done for us!

◀ The Lord’s Prayer is the model prayer and has been used in the worship of the Church since the earliest of times. It is the basic and essential structure of a complete prayer life.

The Godly Reminder Regarding the Word of the Lord [responsive]

Minister: For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to Whom we must give account.

People: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Minister: For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Since then we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Reading of God's Word

Acts 14:19-22

[Page 1174 in the Pew Bible]

The Hymn No. 670 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" [stanzas 1-3, 5]

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

"Who Is the Lamb?"

Lloyd Larson

Who is the Lamb Who sleeps in stable warm?

Who is the Lamb, secure in Mary's arm?

Who is the Lamb Whom heav'nly angels charm? Who is the Lamb?

Who is the Lamb Who preaches in the field?

Who is the Lamb, the blind and sick to heal?

Who is the Lamb for us His life to yield? Who is the Lamb?

The Promised One, the sinless Son, His death is our salvation won,

Who is the Lamb Who comes down heaven's path? Who is the Lamb?

A cross is on His back! Who is the Lamb Who groans and breathes His last?

Who is the Lamb? The Promised One,

The sinless Son, His death is our salvation won.

Behold the Lamb of God! The Lamb Who takes away the sins of the world!

Who is the Lamb? Who is the Lamb for us His life to yield?

Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb of God!

◀ The Word of God is utterly trustworthy, our highest authority, and the very mind of God in print; therefore, we give it our greatest respect and undivided attention.

◀ To all who come to worship we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ!

† The Hymn of Preparation

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross. My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

◀ 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

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Acts 14:20b-22

XXXVII. Exposition of Acts

◀ The preaching of God’s Word is proclamation in which the minister serves as a herald of God’s truth.

INTRODUCTION

I. ENDORSEMENT: *Let Me Commend to You the Strengthening of Your Soul*

II. ENCOURAGEMENT: *Let Me Urge You to Remain Faithful*

III. EXHORTATION: *Let Me Call You to a Life of Tribulation*

A. Self-Denial

B. Suffering

C. Persecution

CONCLUSION

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

The Carol "A Carol for the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants" ST. ANNE

Each newborn child's a gift from God, a promise He's fulfilled.
Yet each child needs the cleansing blood that Christ, our Lord, has spilled.

This precious child, this gift from God, this blessing we can hold,
For him we claim the promises Thy Holy Word foretold.

We dedicate this child to Thee, relying on Thy grace,
Predestined in his lifetime's walk until he sees Thy face.

Pray, give us length of years, Dear Lord, to train this child to be
Thy loving servant throughout life and then eternally.

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and Their Parents

[8:30] Aubrey Rose Hudson Ms Kelli Hudson

[11:00] Coleman Peyton Cooper Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cooper (Adrian)

† *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 Covenant Vows*

Vows for Membership [11:00] Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cooper (Adrian)

Vows of the Parents

Vow of the Congregation

The Words of Institution

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him. And I will establish my covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household (*Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31*). All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (*Matthew 28:18-20*).

The Baptisms [8:30] *Assisting Shepherd:* Ruling Elder Mike Schrier

[11:00] *Assisting Shepherd:* Ruling Elder Brad Thomas

The Covenant Prayer

† *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.

◀ Today we worship in word and sacrament. It is our privilege to see with our eyes the promises of God.

◀ Words by W. Mark Anderson III, as a joyous celebration of the miracle of birth, God's gift of life, dedicated to the memory of one child born to a better world.

† 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 Quiet Meditation and Personal Application

Following each service the congregation is encouraged to greet the covenant family at the front of the church. Join them in their excitement, thanksgiving and anticipation of God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Please use this time to assure these parents that you will indeed be there for them in prayer, with encouragement, as a source of refuge and partnership, as well as an aid in instructing their child in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

The Postlude "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" arr. Paul Laubengayer

† Indicates standing as able

**The sanctuary flowers this Lord's Day are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Gay Townsend Rue
by her family.**

WELCOME

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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT TRINITY CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 13

Morning Worship at 8:30 and 11 o'clock

Evening Joint Worship with Eastwood Presbyterian Church at 6 o'clock

Holy Monday-Wednesday, April 14-16, 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Homily with guest speakers and light lunch following

Holy Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Choral Concert by the

Association Free Lutheran Bible School Concert Choir

in Trinity Church's Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Light to Darkness

Easter Sunday, April 20

Two Morning Worship Services with Sermons by Mr. McRoberts

Special Music by Chancel Choir and Brass Quintet

Evening Worship with Homily by Mr. Cooper

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

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

Scripture Calls Us to Worship

Mr. McRoberts

Opening Hymn No. 701, "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

ADA

Opening Prayer of Adoration

Reading of Ephesians ~ Chapter Six

Page 1245 in the Pew Bible

Hymn Medley

No. 128, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" [stanzas 1-4]

DUNDEE

No. 111, "This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

No. 125, "Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

Homily

Mr. Cooper

LEFTOVERS

Luke 9:10-17

III. The Miracles of Christ

Communion

Invitation to the Meal

Participation requires your reverence and attention, discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper, meditation on Christ's suffering and death, self-judgment, sorrow for sin, desire for Christ, feeding on Him in faith, trusting in Him, rejoicing in His love, giving thanks for His grace, renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ, and your special love to all Christians.

Hymn of Preparation No. 252, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

Words of Institution

Serving of the Supper

Closing Hymn No. 174, "O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord"

OMBERSLEY

[stanza 1: Andria Alexander; stanzas 2-5: ALL]

Benediction

The Closing Response, "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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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.

◀ Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK
OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, March 23, 2014

The Lord's Day

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship/Baptism
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship/Baptism/Introduction of New Members
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship/Communion
7:15 P.M. Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the McRoberts

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, March 23-29, 2014

Monday, March 24

- 10:00 A.M. Ice Skating for K-6th Grade at Eastdale Mall
11:30 A.M. 3-M Luncheon in the Westminster Room
12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

- 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
10:30 A.M. *Garden of Readin'* at the Home of Laura Steiner
5:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Supper in Trinity Hall
5:30 P.M. Session Supper in Westminster Room
6:00 P.M. Session Meeting in the John M. Ward Session Room
6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Trinity Church Ministry Focus of the Week:

All of Our Sunday School Teachers

Missionary Focus of the Week:

Costa Rica Missions Team [March 22-29, 2014]

Sam and Mary Adams, Sam Adams

Mike and Susan Bunce

Tom Danielson

Bart and Hollie Harmon, Jack Harmon, Joy Harmon

Ethel Harris

Ken and Caroline Williams, Kendall Williams

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