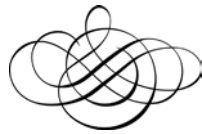


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama

Organized 1891 to the Glory of God



The Lord's Day, July 20, 2014

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

July 20, 2014 ■ 9:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

Please enter the sanctuary in reverent silence. Consider what it is you are about to do and before Whom you will worship. Put all “worldly conversations” aside and direct your attention heavenward. This posture does not in any way negate general hospitable greetings, smiles, joy, and expressions of welcome. However, it does focus the worshipper on the priority of worship as well as expresses sensitivity to those prayerfully preparing for worship. At the close of the service make a concerted effort to greet everyone—member and guest alike—with the hospitality of Jesus Himself.

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

The Prelude “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” arr. Carolyn Hamlin

The Striking of the Hour

† **The Call to Worship** *Psalm 124:8* Mr. Howell

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

† **The Hymns of Gathering and Adoration**

No. 38 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” JOANNA

No. 457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

† **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 Adoration and Invocation**

◀ Please use this time to pray, meditate, confess, and prepare for worship.

◀ This first hymn raises our minds to the transcendence (“otherness”) of God while the second hymn reminds us of God’s immanence (“nearness”). There is a progression from thinking on God’s glory to praying for grace to draw near to Him.

◀ The Apostles’ Creed has been used in the Christian Church since the third century

The Corporate Prayer of Confession [in unison]

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

The Individual's Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 32:1-7*

Minister: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

People: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Minister: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

The Morning Prayer

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

"My Eternal King"

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, and spear, and manifold disgrace,
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!
Ev'n so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

◀ We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through His never-ending grace and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

◀ Let us confess silently our personal sin.

◀ We are reminded of the redeeming, pardoning grace of our heavenly Father.

◀ Although the minister offers the prayer, it is a prayer of the people, and all worshippers should pray along with him in their hearts, adding personal petitions when appropriate.

† **The Reading of God’s Word**

Acts 18:23-28

◀ Page 1180 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**

“O Church Arise”

Getty/Townend

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

The Sermon

Mr. McRoberts

APOLLOS FROM ALEXANDRIA

An Effective Servant of Christ

Acts 18:23-28

XLIX. Exposition of Acts

INTRODUCTION

- I. APOLLOS WAS AN EDUCATED MAN ~ v. 24c
- II. APOLLOS WAS BIBLICALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ~ vv. 24d-25
- III. APOLLOS WAS ZEALOUS FOR THE TRUTH ~ v. 25b
- IV. APOLLOS WAS BOLD IN HIS SPEECH ~ v. 26a
- V. APOLLOS WAS A TEACHABLE, HUMBLE SERVANT ~ v. 26b
- VI. APOLLOS HAD THE COMMENDATION OF OTHERS ~ v. 27
- VII. APOLLOS HAD A FRUITFUL MINISTRY ~ v. 28

CONCLUSION

The Time of Silent Reflection

† **The Hymn No. 98** “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET

† The Benediction

Minister: Go now into the world to love and serve our God.

People: We love because He first loved us.

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: AMEN!

† **The Choral Response** “A Prayer of St. Patrick” John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

† **The Postlude** “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Timothy Albrecht

† Indicates standing as able

◀ This choral benediction was composed in 1983 by John Rutter for William Wymond and the Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

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

Gathering Scripture

Psalm 16

◀ Page 575 in the Pew Bible.

Gathering Hymn No. 699 "Like a River Glorious"

WYE VALLEY

Prayer Invoking the Triune God

Responsive Reading of Confession ~ Hymn No. 486, "God Be Merciful to Me"

Hymn Medley

"The God of Wonders"

Lord of all creation of water earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high.

*Chorus: God of wonders beyond our galaxy;
You are holy holy; The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy holy; Lord of heaven and earth;
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light;
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.

"Isaiah 43"

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are Mine.

For I am the Lord, your God [echo]
For I am the Lord, your God [echo]
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior [unison]

For I am the Lord, your God [echo]
For I am the Lord, your God [echo]
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior [unison]

I am the Lord (Do not fear) [4X]

When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you,
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are Mine.

For I am the Lord, your God [echo]
For I am the Lord, your God [echo]
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior [unison]

For I am the Lord, your God [echo]
For I am the Lord, your God [echo]
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior [unison]

I am the Lord (Do not fear) [3X]

I am the Lord [unison]

“Jesus, I Come”

Sleeper/Thompson



Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus I come;
 Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come;
 Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come;
 Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus I come;



Je - sus I come In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light
 Je - sus, I come. In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,
 Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy bles - sed will to a - bide,
 Je - sus I come. In to the joy and light of Thy home,



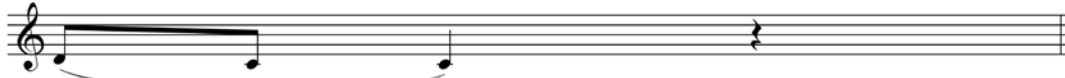
Je - sus, I come to Thee, Out of my sick - ness
 Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's sor - rows
 Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of my - self to
 Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of the depths of



in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
 in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,
 dwell in thy love, Out of des - pair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to
 Out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to
 Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to
 Ev - er Thy glo - ri - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to



Thee.
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Interlude

Reading of God's Word ~ *Genesis 28:10-22*

Homily

Mr. Curles

THE GATE OF HEAVEN

Genesis 28:10-22

VI. Close Encounters: *Meeting God Where You Are*

Introduction

I. Before the Dream: In the Middle of Nowhere ~ vv. 10-11

II. During the Dream: God Comes Down ~ vv. 12-15

III. After the Dream: The Gate of Heaven ~ vv. 16-17

Conclusion

Hymn No. 405

“God, That Madest Earth and Heaven”

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Benediction

◀ Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

◀ Page 29 in the Pew Bible.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, July 20, 2014

The Lord's Day

9:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
10:00 A.M.	Juice and Pastries on the Colonnade
10:30 A.M.	Sunday School
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
7:00 P.M.	Senior High Fellowship at the Home of the McRoberts

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION THIS WEEK

Monday, July 21

12 Noon Men's Bible Study in the Spires Room

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23

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

10:00 A.M. Preschool Water Splash Day ~ front lawn

5:00 P.M. Session Supper and "Ministry 101" in Trinity Hall

5:30 P.M. Salad Supper/WIC Summer Event

"Decoding the Coupon Craze" with Andria Alexander
in the Westminster Room

6:00 P.M. Session Meeting in the John M. Ward Session Room

Trinity Church Prayer Focus:

Morning and Evening Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship is our highest calling.

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week:

David and Jennifer Welsh ~ Cru (formerly Campus Crusade), Budapest, Hungary

International Christian School of Budapest ~ David is director; Jennifer teaches.

WELCOME

Welcome to the family of Trinity Presbyterian Church! We believe that the Lord has a purpose in bringing you here today, and we extend to you a genuine greeting as you worship with us. *Everyone is encouraged to sign the Friendship Registers at the center aisle end of the pews.* The Westminster and Spires Rooms are set up to provide overflow seating for each Lord's Day morning worship services. Please use this seating when the sanctuary is overcrowded or you have special worship needs. If you are new to Trinity, please speak to a minister at one of the doors at the close of the service and inform him. To find out more about the many opportunities to serve and learn at Trinity, please visit our website, www.trinitypca.org. Audio enhancement units are available from an usher in the Narthex. Our morning service is broadcast over WNZZ AM 950 at 11:00 a.m. in the metropolitan area and on iHeart Radio on the internet. Archived sermons may be heard at any time on our website: www.trinitypca.org. Complimentary childcare is provided for all worship services.

Our Purpose: To exalt Christ in metropolitan Montgomery by dynamic and faithful worship, aggressive evangelism both at home and abroad, teaching the Word of God, and equipping members to minister to the spiritual needs of our church and community.

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