

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**



The Lord's Day in Worship

April 12, 2015

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

MORNING WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, April 12, 2015 ▪ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Silent Meditation upon Entering the Sanctuary

The ultimate purpose of marriage is to reflect God's image.

~ The Art of Marriage, Family Life

*Marriage is embedded in the culture as a gospel testimony
that is always making statements.*

*The only question is whether it's a good statement or a bad
one.*

~ Dave Harvey

*I didn't marry you because you were perfect ... I married you
because you gave me a promise. That promise made up for
your faults. And the promise I gave you made up for mine. Two
imperfect people got married, and it was the promise that made
the marriage. And when our children were growing up, it
wasn't a house that protected them; and it wasn't our love that
protected them; it was that promise.*

~ Thornton Wilder, The Skin of Our Teeth

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

THE PRELUDE "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. Douglas Wagner

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

† **THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** "The Day of Resurrection!"

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;

The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Mr. Howell

Minister: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and
he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come,
buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People: Samuel took a stone ... and called its name Ebenezer
(Rock of Help); and he said, "This marks the place
where God has helped us."

Minister: Let us worship the living God in this place!

People: Let us worship Him, our Help in ages past, in Spirit
and in truth!

† **THE HYMN NO. 30** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (stanzas 1-4, 7)

† **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

† **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 SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:24-31; 2:18-25 Pages 2, 3 in the Pew Bible

THE SOLO “Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Only Son” Bach; arr. Scott

Andria Alexander, *soprano*

Lord Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, here in our stead

descended:

The knot of sin has been undone, the claim of death is ended.

Christ has crushed the pow’r of hell; now there is nought but death’s gray shell-

Its sting is lost forever. Hallelujah!

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

“Easter Carol”

David H. Williams

Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands for our offenses given;
But now at God’s right hand He stands, and brings us life from heaven;

Wherefore let us, let us joyful be, and sing to God right thankfully

Loud songs of Alleluia! Alleluia!

It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended;

The victory remained with life, the reign of death was ended;
Stripped of power, no more, no more he reigns, an empty form alone remains;

His sting is lost forever! Alleluia!

Then let us feast this Eastertide on the true bread of heaven;
The word of grace hath purged away the old and wicked leaven;
Christ alone our souls, our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink indeed,

Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

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).

THE SERMON

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY
God's Definition of Marriage (1)

Mr. McRoberts

III. Marriage and Family

Genesis 2:18-25

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD'S PURPOSE IN MARRIAGE: *to Mirror His Image*

II. GOD'S PURPOSE IN MARRIAGE: *to Experience Companionship*

III. GOD'S PURPOSE IN MARRIAGE: *to Leave and Cleave*

CONCLUSION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

† **The Hymn No. 254** "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

† **The Confession of Our Faith** **The Nicene Creed**
(Inside cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† **The Prayer of Humble Access**

The Serving of the Meal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

† **THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "The Church's One Foundation" (handout)

† **THE CHARGE**

And now, go forth into the world in peace; take courage; put on the full armor of God; be above reproach; have a good reputation with those outside the church; there is no reason for revenge—leave it in the Lord's hands; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; pray for the afflicted; love God and love others; believe the gospel; rest in the freedom of grace; diligently do the good deeds prepared in advance for you to do; and do all things without complaining; rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

† **THE BENEDICTION**

Minister: Now may the God of peace sanctify you wholly. And may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

People: AMEN!

† **THE QUIET MEDITATION AND APPLICATION OF GOD'S WORD**

† **THE POSTLUDE** "Grand Choeur" **Theodore Salome**
Mr. James K. Atkins, organ

† **Indicates the congregation standing, as able**

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45

In the Sanctuary ~ Prelude Music by Dr. Robert Scott, flute

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

Gathering Hymn No. 381 – “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
(stanzas 1, 4)

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!* ~ Psalm 95:6

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mr. McRoberts

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 5:27-32

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**Instrumental Meditation ~ Thanksgiving • Confession •
Intercession**

Hymn Medley [handout]

“All I Have Is Christ”

“I Love You, Lord”

“Speak, O Lord”

Interlude

Children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Homily

Mr. Howell

“Eating with Jesus: Levi (Matthew)”

Luke 5:27-32

Introduction

I. Call Over Taxes: vv. 27-28

II. Controversy Over Dinner: vv. 29-32

Conclusion

Closing Chorus – “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

*Join us for a relaxed time of fellowship and refreshments
in the Westminster Room and Courtyard following evening
worship.*

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Trinity Church Prayer Focus of the Week
Spiritual Growth among Members of TPC
Missionary Focus of the Week
Common Ground, Montgomery

OUR CHURCH THIS LORD'S DAY, April 12

- 8:30 AM Early Morning Worship/Communion
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship/Communion
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Evening Worship
Fellowship in Westminster Room and Court
7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship at the Coopers' Home

FOR PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION, April 13-18

Monday

- 9:30 AM WIC Circle in the Westminster Room
11:30 AM Finance Committee in the John Knox Room
12 Noon Men's Bible Study Lunch in the Spires Room

Tuesday

- 6:45 AM Prayer Breakfast in Trinity Hall
1:00 PM WIC Study in the Westminster Room

Wednesday

- 6:30 AM Men's *Search the Scriptures* in the John Knox Room
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast in Westminster Room
12 Noon Ministry to Adults in the John Knox Room
12 Noon WIC Study in Room 203
4:00 PM Ministry of Shepherding in the John Knox Room
5:00 PM Ministry to Children in the Spires Room
5:00 PM Sunday School Leadership in the Westminster Room
5:00 PM *Relax* - Church Family Supper
5:40 PM *Renew* - Prayer, Sharing, Singing
6:00 PM *Refresh* - Something for Everyone
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
7:00 PM Diaconate Meeting in the John Knox Room
7:00 PM Executive Committee

Thursday

- 9:30 AM Mother2Mother in the Westminster Room

PASTORAL AND MINISTRY STAFF

**Claude E. McRoberts,
III**

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