



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Now let no sin cause you to flee
Or make you suffer loss,
Our God is free, and Christ has died
Rejoice before His cross!*

JOHN PIPER

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured arr. Mark Jones
(This hymn can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal*, No. 429)

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King,
help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

† The Call to Worship Jude 24-25 Mr. Curles

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. Amen.

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother-- All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

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.

The Morning Prayers

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or
my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for Your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For Your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The General Prayer

The Hymn No. 648

My Jesus, I Love Thee
(stanzas 1-2)

CARITAS

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Chancel Choir with Seraphim, Trinity Boys, and Trinity Girls Choirs

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

† The Reading of God's Word

Romans 9:14-18

Page 1202 in the Pew Bible

† The Response

Minister: All men are like grass, and all their glory is the like the flowers of the field.

People: **The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

After John Piper preached Romans 9:14-18 on the hardening of Pharaoh's heart (Feb. 9, 2003), he wrote the following hymn in order that we might publicly proclaim the glory and freedom and justice of God in this great mystery.

Is there injustice with our God when He decrees our ways?
No! This is but His righteousness and root of all our praise.

Does He make mercy hang on this: if we can will or run?
No! He has mercy on His own: before the world, it's done!

Did Pharaoh rise and make his name renown, and flaunt his mind?
No! He displayed his Maker's fame, and did what was designed.

O that we had a mind to grasp the depths and riches of
The wisdom of the ways of God and mysteries of love!

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Our God is free, and Christ has died. Rejoice before His cross!

*Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the service, please pick up your children from the
Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

The Sermon

IS GOD UNFAIR?
A Question of Justice and Mercy
Exposition of Romans, XXXVI
Romans 9:14-18

Mr. McRoberts

A detailed sermon outline can be found inside the morning announcements.

The Closing Prayer

✠ The Hymn No. 524 *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ* DARWALL

✠ The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

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.

AMEN.

✠ The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

✠ The Postlude Toccata Brevis Daniel Gawthrop



The sanctuary flowers this Lord's Day are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of

JAMES WALLACE TIDMORE, JR.

by Anne Richardson, Susan and Stuart Patton, and Suzie and James Richardson.

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP • FEBRUARY 18, 2018

LORD'S DAY VESPERS

PRELIMINARY PREPARATION • 5:45 P.M.

6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Homily

JOHN 17: JESUS' PRAYER, VI

"Jesus Prays for All Believers: Present & Future"

John 17:24-26

Mr. Howell



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