



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

# MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

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*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!*

*Thou art the potter; I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me after thy will  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

ADELAIDE A. POLLARD

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Prayer

Jean Langlais

The Striking of the Hour



The Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1, 14

Mr. Howell

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

People: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**



The Hymn No. 660

*O God Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED



The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation



The Lord's Prayer

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)



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The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-6  
Page 820 in the Pew Bible

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 9:19-23  
Page 1202 in the Pew Bible

The Hymn No. 688

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

HOLY DESIRE

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

Out of the Depths  
Youth Choir

Carl Schalk

Out of the depths have I called to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.  
Let Your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?  
For there is forgiveness with You; therefore, You shall be feared.  
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for Him; in His word is my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, wait for the Lord, wait for the Lord.  
For with the Lord there is mercy, with Him there is plenteous redemption,  
And He shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*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 Covenant Vows

### *Vows of the Parents*

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate them to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### *Vow of the Congregation*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

The Words of Institution – Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31; Matthew 28:18-20

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 house.

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.

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The Baptisms

The Covenant Prayer

† The Doxology

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

Now may the God of peace Himself 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 Christ be with you. **AMEN.**

† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

*Following the 11:00 service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the covenant families 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 children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.*

† The Postlude

Fantasia in G Minor

J. S. Bach



## **Evening Worship**

*Join us at ChristChurch for evening worship at 6:00 p.m.*

8800 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

*Reverend Claude McRoberts will deliver the homily and the combined choirs of Trinity and ChristChurch will present the sung portions of the service. Last year's Evensong was held at Trinity with a full sanctuary. Don't miss this opportunity to worship with our brothers and sisters at ChristChurch.*

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## **The Baptism of Covenant Children**

The ordinance of baptism is administered by the church in obedience to the command of Christ that the nations should be converted, baptized, and taught all that Christ has commanded (Mt 28:19, 20). Baptism represents and seals our union with Christ (Rom 6:1ff), the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Jn 1:33), and resulting regeneration, adoption, and cleansing from sin (Titus 3:5, 6). By baptism, we are initiated into the covenant community (Acts 2:41; 1 Cor 12:13), and made members of the body of Christ.

Underlying the diversity of the Biblical revelation is a unifying, singular covenant of grace. Thus Abraham had the “gospel” preached to him (Gal 3:8); he “believed God;” his faith was “reckoned to him as righteousness” (Gen 15:6); and he entered into a covenant with God, signified by the sign of circumcision (Rom 4:11). Yet it was commanded that this sign of his adult faith be applied to his infant child and all infant children thereafter. The reason may be found in God’s promise, “I will be a God to you and to your children” (Gen 17:7). The saving purposes of God include the children of believers. Because He is their God as well as their parents’, the children also receive the sign of the covenant and are initiated into the covenant community.

When we move to the New Testament, no new principle is introduced. Children are not now excluded from the covenant community. Rather, in an era which Scripture describes as a greater covenant with better promises (Heb 8:6), children have not a reduced, but a more privileged status. At Pentecost, in the delivery of the first Christian sermon, Peter said, “For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself” (Acts 2:3).

The echo of the promise made to Abraham is clear. Children have the same covenantal status in the New Covenant as in the old. They are set apart, “holy” (1 Cor 7:14), members of the covenant community and recipients of the sign of the covenant. Households are therefore baptized (Acts 16:31). When Jesus took infants into His arms and blessed them (Lk 18:15-17), He demonstrated not only that passive infants may receive grace, but also that God continues to love our children through us.