



The Third Sunday of Advent

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 16, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Our God and our Father, we come into Your presence this morning in the name and through the merits of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We come to give You praise and glory, to mingle our voices with those of angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim.

We delight this morning in the wondrous story that He Who was the eternal Son of God was made flesh and dwelt among us, that His glory was manifested here among His people.

We come to ask that You would pour out Your Spirit upon us, that You would enable us now to worship You in Spirit and in truth. Hear us, Lord, for Jesus' sake, that we might know Your peace as ones on whom Your favor rests. Amen.



The Welcome and Announcements

The Shepherds' Candle, the third candle, is lighted to remind us that the birth of the Messiah was announced to humble shepherds, and that we, straying sheep, must go to Him, believe in Him and tell to others the Good News of salvation. So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ~ Luke 2:15-17

We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance

arr. Paul Manz

The Striking of the Hour

The Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6

Mr. Curles

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

† The Song of Ascent No. 218 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed
Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† 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.*

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Morning Prayers

The Call to Prayer – 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The General Prayer

The Hymn No. 213

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Solo

The Little Road to Bethlehem
Nathan Alexander, *soprano*

Michael Head (1900-1976)

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
The lambs were coming homewards, one by one.
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them,
Along the little road to Bethlehem

Beside an open door as I drew nigh,
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang about the lambs at close of day,
And rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheep-bell rang.
"The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary sang.
"Your star of gold, Your star of gold is shining in the sky,
So sleep, my little King, go lullaby."

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The lambs were coming homewards, one by one.
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them,
Along the little road to Bethlehem

We Receive God's Word

† The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:6-7

Page 729 in the Pew Bible

† The Old Testament Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

Page 1090 in the Pew Bible

† The Response

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

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

The Carol No. 221

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN' ROS ENTSPRUNGEN
(stanzas 1, 5)

Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.

*Following the worship service, please pick up your four-year-olds from the
Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

Five-year-olds may be picked up from Room E-212.

The Sermon

THE MESSAGE OF A SINGING ARMY OF ANGELS

Mr. McRoberts

Why Jesus Was Born: Glory and Peace

Luke 2:14

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

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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

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 Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

† The Postlude

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin



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