



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MARCH 31, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP



The Welcome and Announcements

We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

O Man, Bewail Thy Sins So Great

J. S. Bach

The Striking of the Hour

The Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-4

Mr. Curles

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.

† The Hymn No. 604

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
(stanzas 1-4)

MARION

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed
(Inside the 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 –Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake His way, and the unrighteous man His thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Psalm 32:1-2

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.

The General Prayer

† The Hymn No. 263

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tr. by Ernest W. Olson

arr. René Clausen

Chancel Choir; Children's Choirs

(The text to this anthem may be found in the *Trinity Hymnal*, No. 131)

We Receive God's Word

† The Reading of God's Word

Luke 23:39-46

Page 1124 in the Pew Bible

The Personal Preparation and Meditation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the 8:30 worship service, your children will be taken to their Sunday school classes.
Following the 11:00 service, please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel (E-100).*

The Sermon **WE WALK THE WEEK OF PASSION WITH JESUS**
Friday of Passion Week: Today You Will be With Me in Paradise
Luke 23:39-46

Mr. Howell

- I. The Simplicity that Faith Displays
- II. The Miracle that Faith Demands
- III. The Assurance that Faith Receives

The Prayer of Application

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 253 *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood* FOUNTAIN

† The Sending

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be quick to love and make haste to be kind, and be assured that God cares infinitely more about our future than our past.

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

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: AMEN.

† The Quiet Meditation and Personal Application of God's Word

† The Postlude Finale from Symphony No. 2 Charles-Marie Widor

Devotional and Hymn
April 1 – April 6

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Oh! To grasp how wide and how long and high and deep is the love of Christ (see Ephesians 3:17-19)!! There is no grander ambition; no purer motive; no loftier aim; no higher sense of unspeakable joy!

God IS love [I John 4:8, 16], and to know God is eternal life [John 17:3].

Justification says, *I AM loved*. The sanctification process of becoming more like Jesus and less like the world is all caught up in my growing in my understanding of the dimensions of God's love – the love of the One Who began a good work in me and will complete it [see Philippians 1:6].

S. Trevor Francis (1834-1925), who penned the hymn *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*, obviously had an unusual grasp of the width, length, height and depth of the love of Jesus. Perhaps he had memorized John 13:1 ~ *Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love*.

God's love is eternal. It is the kindness of His love that drives the believer to repentance. His love is faithful. When my love wanes, His love is steady. And it is in His faithful love that the believer finds his/her security and peace. This love assures me of forgiveness. This love drives me to see "His praise spread from shore to shore;" His love compels me to share His gospel.

There is nothing NOT to like about Francis' hymn. Even the tune, *Ebenezer*, written in 1890, is majestic and affords the singer the opportunity to "take in" phrases that drive him beyond his own understanding of Jesus' love. But one does not have to sing it to enjoy its impact; READ IT. Read it out loud. Read a phrase, and then pray it. The reader will find himself expressing adoration for Jesus and His deep, deep love.

Then, on April 7, one week before Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week, the family called Trinity Church will join our voices together to adore His love as one body.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
 rolling as a mighty ocean
 in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
 is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
 to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread His praise from shore to shore;
 how He loveth, ever loveth,
 changeth never, nevermore;
how He watches o'er His loved ones,
 died to call them all His own;
 how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
 'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
 and it lifts me up to glory,
 for it lifts me up to Thee.



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