



Reformation Sunday

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 27, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*God Himself supplies the necessary condition to come to Jesus;
That's why it is 'sola gratia,' by grace alone that we are saved.*

— R.C. SPROUL

*If (God) were obliged to be gracious, grace would no longer be grace
and salvation would be based on human merit rather than being sola gratia.*

— JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

— EPHESIANS 2:8-9



The Welcome and Announcements

We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

Festival Intrada

Richard Strauss

The Striking of the Hour

† The Song of Ascent

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.

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Minister: Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

† The Processional Hymn No. 92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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† 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*)

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Morning Prayers

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord, we cry to You to heal our wounds. We call to You in distress and plead for Your salvation. We have sinned against Your law and failed to do Your will; we confess that we've disobeyed Your holy Word. We pray, purge our lives of selfishness and our hearts of bitterness. Lead us back to righteousness; save us through Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life [Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17].

The Pastoral Prayer

† The Hymn

Is He Worthy?

(see page 7)

We Receive God's Word

The Christian Greeting

The Offertory Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising
Chancel Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
For Christ, Your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King.
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
Make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

The Prayer of Illumination

✠ The Old Testament Lesson	Portions of II Samuel 19	Page 344 in the Pew Bible
✠ The New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 2:8-10	Page 1242 in the Pew Bible
✠ The Humble Response of Submission		

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 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	THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST <i>"Grace Alone" in the Life of David</i> The Life of David, XXV II Samuel 19:8b-40	Mr. McRoberts
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A detailed sermon outline can be found inside the morning announcements.

The Closing Prayer

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

✠ The Hymn No. 343	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i> (stanzas 1-3, 5)	WESTMINSTER ABBEY arr. Richard Webster
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✠ The Sending

God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

✠ 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 Meditation and Personal Application of God's Word

✠ The Postlude *Vivace* from Sonata 'St. Mark' Tomaso Albinoni

TRINITY CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR GUEST MUSICIANS

Bryan Reeves, Dennis Herrick, *trumpet*; Brenda Luchsinger, *horn*
Matt Wood and Marvin Griffin, *trombone*; Mike Mason, *tuba*; Mark Benson, *percussion*
Mary Clare Johnson, *violin*; Chin Mei-Li, *cello*; Elizabeth V. Arnold, *organ*



Join us for evening worship at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

HOMILY

WALKING WITH GIANTS: CONSIDER THEIR LIFE ... IMITATE THEIR FAITH

John L. Girardeau, Pastor of Slaves

Galatians 4:4-7

Mr. Howell

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Followed by prayer with ministers and elders

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? **(We do.)**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **(We do.)**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **(We do.)**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **(We do.)**
Is all creation groaning? **(It is.)**
Is a new creation coming? **(It is.)**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **(It is.)**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **(It is.)**
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave; He is David's Root
And the Lamb Who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? **(He is.)**
Does the Father truly love us? **(He does.)**
Does the Spirit move among us? **(He does.)**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **(He does.)**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **(He does.)**
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah Who conquered the grave; He is David's Root
And the Lamb Who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? *pause....* **(He is.)**
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **(He is! He is!)**

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THE FIVE “SOLAS” OF THE REFORMATION

1. **SCRIPTURE ALONE.** When the Reformers used the words *sola Scriptura*, they were expressing their concern for the Bible’s authority, and what they meant is that the Bible alone is our ultimate authority—not the pope, not the church, not the traditions of the church or church councils, still less personal intimations or subjective feelings, but Scripture only. Other sources of authority may have an important role to play. Some are even established by God—such as the authority of church elders, the authority of the state, or the authority of parents over children. But Scripture alone is truly ultimate. Therefore, if any of these other authorities depart from Bible teaching, they are to be judged by the Bible and rejected.

2. **GRACE ALONE.** The words *sola gratia* mean that human beings have no claim upon God. That is, God owes us nothing except just punishment for our many and very willful sins. Therefore, if He does save sinners, which He does in the case of some but not all, it is only because it pleases Him to do it. Indeed, apart from this grace and regenerating work of the Holy Spirit that flows from it, no one would be saved since in our lost condition, human beings are not capable of winning, seeking out, or even cooperating with God’s grace. By insisting on “grace alone” the Reformers were denying that human methods, techniques, or strategies in themselves could ever bring anyone to faith. It is grace alone expressed through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ, releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from death to spiritual life.

3. **FAITH ALONE.** The Reformers never tired of saying that “justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone.” When put into theological shorthand, the doctrine was expressed as “justification by faith alone,” the article by which the church stands or falls, according to Martin Luther. The Reformers called justification by faith Christianity’s “material principle,” because it involves the very matter or substance of what a person must understand and believe to be saved. Justification is a declaration of God based on the work of Christ. It flows from God’s grace, and it comes to the individual not by anything he or she might do but by “faith alone” (*sola fide*). We may state the full doctrine as: Justification is the act of God by which He declares sinners to be righteous because of Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone.

4. **CHRIST ALONE.** The church of the Middle Ages spoke about Christ. A church that failed to do that could hardly claim to be Christian. But the medieval church had added many human achievements to Christ’s work, so that it was no longer possible to say that salvation was entirely by Christ and His atonement. This was the most basic of all heresies, as the Reformers rightly perceived. It was the work of God plus our own righteousness. The Reformation motto *solus Christus* was formed to repudiate this error. It affirmed that salvation has been accomplished once for all by the mediatorial work of the historical Jesus Christ alone. His sinless life and substitutionary atonement alone are sufficient for our justification, and any “gospel” that fails to acknowledge that or denies it is a false gospel that will save no one.

5. **GLORY TO GOD ALONE.** Each of the great solas is summed up in the fifth Reformation motto: *solī Deo Gloria*, meaning “to God alone be the glory.” It is what the apostle Paul expressed in Romans 11:36 when he wrote, “to Him be the glory forever! Amen.” These words follow naturally from the preceding words, “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things” (v. 36), since it is because all things really are from God, and to God, that we say, “to God alone be the glory.”

~ from James Montgomery Boice, *Whatever Happened to the Gospel of Grace?* (Crossway, 2001)