



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

If I belittle those whom I am called to serve, talk of their weak points in contrast perhaps with what I think of as my strong points; if I adopt a superior attitude, forgetting

“Who made me to differ? And what have I that I did not receive?”

then I know nothing of Calvary's love. If I take offense easily, if I am content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible, then I know nothing of Calvary's love.

If I feel bitterly towards those who condemn me, as it seems to me, unjustly, forgetting that if they knew me as I know myself they would condemn me much more, then I know nothing of Calvary's love.

— AMY CARMICHAEL, PORTIONS OF SMALL BOOK: IF, 1938



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

Baillie Johnson, cello; Mary Clare Johnson, violin

For those of you not physically present, you will be invited to stand when able, and to be seated when necessary. Worship is participative and not passive. God has designed us to be physical creatures and sometimes our hearts and minds will follow our posture.

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 22:22; 97:12; 145:1, 3

Mr. Pendley

Minister: In the midst of the congregation I will praise You. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's Holy Name!

All: **I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.**

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Morning Prayers

The Call to Confession – Isaiah 59:1-2

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear.
But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His
face from you, so that He will not hear.

The Silent, Personal, Prayer of Confession

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

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Pastoral Prayer

† A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #27

No. 358

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

In 2020, we are counting down our top requested hymns from our "favorite hymn survey."

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

We Receive God's Word

† The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 54

O God, save me by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might. 2 O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth. 3 For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. 4 Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. 5 He will return the evil to my enemies; in Your faithfulness put an end to them. 6 With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your Name, O Lord, for it is good. 7 For He has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

† The New Testament Lesson

John 17:6-19

6 “I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. 8 For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Sermon

BETRAYED BUT NOT DEFENSELESS

Mr. McRoberts

Trusting IN and Giving Thanks TO the Upholder of My Life

Psalms of David, X

Psalm 54

INTRODUCTION

I. PLEAD WITH GOD NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES ~ 54:1-3

For Further Study: Proverbs 18:10; Isaiah 59:1-2; Matthew 19:26; I Peter 5:7

II. PREACH TO YOURSELF WHAT YOU KNOW TO BE TRUE ABOUT GOD ~ 54:4-5

A. God is his HELPER.

B. God is his SUSTAINER.

C. God is his FAITHFUL VINDICATOR

*For Further Study: I Samuel 23:14-26; Isaiah 55:8-9; Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21-22;
Romans 12:17-19*

III. PROVIDE A SACRIFICE (OFFERING) OF HUMBLE THANKSGIVING ~ 54:6-7

For Further Study: I Samuel 23:26-29; Luke 6:28; Romans 5:8; 8:28

CONCLUSION

The Closing Prayer

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 92

A Mighty Fortress

EIN FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask Who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

† The Sending

Your Helper and Upholder fights for you, just as He promised. Be strong in Him and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith. Long for His appearing. A great reward awaits you; a crown of righteousness.

† 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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

John Innes



The Sanctuary Flowers

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert Carter Nicholas III

BY MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD FRAZER MCRAE, JR.