



*The Lord's Day in Worship*

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

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# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*The love of Christ is like a long curtain with fold after fold after fold, and every time I open one fold, there are thirty more. And I open them and open them and open them, and the love of God in Christ just keeps unfolding. I am so in love with His love that if His love were not in heaven,*

*I should be unwilling to go there.*

— Samuel Rutherford, March 1637

From a Letter Written While in Exile



## *We Enter Into God's Presence*

The Prelude

Sonata No. 2 in C Minor  
Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God  
Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Mendelssohn  
Buxtehude  
Durufé

*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 122:1; Psalm 118:24

Mr. Curles

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

† The Confession of Our Faith The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

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 Prayer

#### The Call to Confession

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.  
Because we have faith in Him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

#### The Corporate Confession of Sin

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.**

#### The Assurance of God's Pardon

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

#### † A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #26

*We Come Before You, God Most High*

(see page 7)

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

### The Christian Greeting and Announcements

# *We Receive God's Word*

The Reading of God's Word

Psalm 18:1-6, 46, 49-50

I love you, O Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in Whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 4 The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. 6 In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears. The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation— 49 For this I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to Your name. 50 Great salvation He brings to His king, and shows steadfast love to His anointed, to David and His offspring forever.

The Sermon

## **MY ROCK AND MY FORTRESS**

Mr. McRoberts

*Looking Back and Recalling God's Faithfulness and Power*

Psalms of David, XI

Psalm 18

OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD'S SUPPORT: His Strength and Salvation ~ 18:1-3

II. GOD'S DELIVERANCE: His Delight ~ 18:4-19

III. GOD'S JUSTICE: His Vindication ~ 18:20-27

IV. GOD'S GENTLENESS: His Preparation, Provision, and Perfection ~ 18:28-45

CONCLUSION ~ 18:46-50

## The Closing Pastoral Prayer

† The Hymn No. 498

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*

HYFRYDOL

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. [Refrain]

*We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve*

† 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 Postlude

Postlude Toccata on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Durufié

*to mark the 125th anniversary in 2016  
of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama*

# WE COME BEFORE YOU, GOD MOST HIGH



1. We come be - fore you, God Most High, with saints of oth - er days,
2. O ris - en Christ, the sin - ner's friend, re - ceive the praise we bring;
3. Here may the Spir - it's fire di - vine a - mong us free - ly move,
4. We pray for all the fu - ture brings, new joys and hopes and fears;



who found-ed, in the years gone by, this liv - ing house of praise;  
be near to nur - ture and de - fend, our Proph - et, Priest and King;  
and as we share the bread and wine, u - nite us in your love.  
sus - tain us, borne on eag - les' wings, a - mid the pass - ing years.



with them we bow be - fore your throne, with them the cross pro - claim,  
the on - ly Sav - ior, liv - ing Lord, a - like of age and youth,  
The love of Christ our hearts con - strain with strength be - yond our own,  
Though flow - ers with - er and are gone your word is still the same;



who look in faith to Christ a - lone and glo - ry in his Name!  
our hearts be o - pen to your word, your word of life and truth.  
to serve for him a world in pain and make his gos - pel known.  
we trust in Christ and journ - ey on, re - joic - ing in his Name!

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