

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
that I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me,
the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better only still to hunger on.

Poor I was and sought for riches—something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of Water ever springing—Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

— Clara T. Williams, 1875

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 writers of the Psalms] knew far less reason than we for loving God.

Yet they express a longing for Him, for His mere presence, which comes only to the best Christians or to Christians in their best moments. They long to live all their days in the temple so that they may constantly see “the fair beauty of the Lord” (Psalm 27:1). Their longing to go up to Jerusalem and “appear before the presence of God” is like a physical thirst (Psalm 42). From Jerusalem His presence flashes out “in perfect beauty” (Psalm 50:2). Lacking that encounter with Him, their souls are parched like a waterless countryside (Psalm 63:2).

— C. S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

Lyric Suite for Organ

Alfred V. Fedak

1. Prelude

2. Dialogue and Trumpet Tune

3. Pastorale

For those of you who are not present physically, 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

Mr. Pendley

Minister: The earth is the Lord's for He made it: O come let us adore Him.

All: The Lord has shown forth His glory: O come, let us adore Him.

Minister: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: O come, let us adore Him

All: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia.

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. [Refrain]

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take His servants up to their eternal home. [Refrain]

† 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.**

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 – Habakkuk 2:20

The Lord is in His holy temple; let the whole earth be silent in His presence.

The Silent, Personal, Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession – Psalm 51:1-2, 17

Be gracious to us, God, according to Your faithful love; according to Your abundant compassion, blot out our rebellion. Completely wash away our guilt and cleanse us from our sin. The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God. We are forever Yours and forever grateful. Amen

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Revelation 22:17; Romans 15:13; Philippians 1:2

Both the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" Let anyone who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely. Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Pastoral Prayer

† The Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #22

No. 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

JOANNA

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

We Receive God's Word

† The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 63

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. 3 Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. 4 So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise You with joyful lips, 6 when I remember You upon my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night; 7 for You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy. 8 My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me. 9 But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by Him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

† The Humble 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 Sermon

FINDING RELIEF IN GOD

Mr. McRoberts

IN A DRY AND WEARY PLACE

The Thirsting Soul Is Satisfied in Him

Psalm 63

Psalms of David, XV

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Sermon outline on page 7.

The Closing Prayer

OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION ~ *O God, You Are My God (63:1a)*

I. DAVID THIRSTS FOR GOD ~ 63:1-2

II. DAVID ENJOYS SATISFACTION IN GOD ~ 63:3-5

III. DAVID REMEMBERS GOD IN THE NIGHT ~ 63:6-8

IV. DAVID REJOICES IN GOD ~ 63:9-11

CONCLUSION

For Further Study: : Genesis 17:7; Psalms 31:5; 40:11; 43:3; 45:4; Matthew 7:7; 19:24; Luke 18:25; Jn 4:13-14; Acts 17:28; Romans 8:38-39; 11:33, 36

FOR FURTHER MEDITATION

On January 12, 1723, I made a solemn dedication of myself to God, and wrote it down; giving up myself, and all that I had to God; to be for the future, in no respect, my own; to act as one that had no right to himself, in any respect. And solemnly vowed to take God for my whole portion and felicity; looking on nothing else, as any part of my happiness, nor acting as if it were; and His law for the constant rule of my obedience: engaging to fight against the world, the flesh and the devil, to the end of my life.

Jonathan Edwards, *Personal Narrative*

*First, he extols the loving-kindness of God with his lips (v. 3): “My lips shall praise Thee.” Secondly, with his tongue (v. 4): “Thus will I bless Thee while I live.” Thirdly, with his hands: “I will lift up my hands in Thy name.” Fourthly, with his will (v. 5): “My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness.” Fifthly, with his mouth: “And my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips.” Sixthly, with his memory (v. 6): “When I remember Thee upon my bed.” Seventhly and lastly, with his intellect: “And meditate on Thee in the night watches.” - **Thomas Le Blane** (using the King James Version)*

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn *O Church Arise* (see page 9)

† 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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Jerry Westenkuehler



The Sanctuary Flowers

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

Mary Frances Felder and Warner Livingston Mathis III

AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
George Dawson Morris

O Church, Arise



1. O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to



they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith -



en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -
or; When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger



cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.