



*The Lord's Day in Worship*

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*How long wilt Thou conceal Thy face? My God, how long delay?  
When shall I feel those heav'nly rays that chase my fears away?  
How long shall my poor laboring soul wrestle and toil in vain?  
Thy word can all my foes control and ease my raging pain.*

— ISAAC WATTS



## *We Enter Into God's Presence*

The Prelude

Variations on Amazing Grace  
Benedictus

Denis Bédard  
Max Reger

*Please sit only on odd numbered pews and maintain social distancing. Masks are required for all attendees at all times. Those who are not present physically 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. Howell

Minister: God is the gladness of our joy; the gladness of our rejoicing.

**All: We worship in spirit and in truth.**

Minister: The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever!

**All: We were made to enjoy God with overflowing praise!**

Minister: Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

**All: All You have made will praise You, O LORD; Your saints will extol You.**

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.

**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

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? [Romans 7:18-20, 24]

## The Silent, Personal, Prayer of Confession

### The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and everlasting God and Father, we confess that too often when we examine our hearts, we find spiritual dryness. Our spiritual dryness reveals excessive loves, false hopes, and disproportionate amusements. We are, in fact, amusing ourselves to death. Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy. Teach us the truism that we are more wicked, sinful, and flawed than we ever dared believe and yet, at the same time, we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope. Remove from us that wickedness as far as the east is from the west, and accept us now in the Beloved; for it is in His Holy Name we pray, Amen.**

### The Assurance of God's Pardon

Child of God, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love for you endures forever.

### The Pastoral Prayer

#### † A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #20

*The Old Rugged Cross*

OLD RUGGED CROSS

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

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

## *We Receive God's Word*

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 42, 43

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember You from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. 7 Deep calls to deep at the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your breakers and Your waves have gone over me. 8 By day the Lord commands His steadfast love, and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. 9 I say to God, my rock: "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! 2 For You are the God in whom I take refuge; why have You rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 3 Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling! 4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

The Sermon

**WHY ARE YOU CAST DOWN, O MY SOUL?  
HOPE IN GOD!!**

Mr. McRoberts

*Draw Near to God, and He Will Draw Near to You*

Psalms 42 and 43

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*Sermon outline on pages 7-8.*

The Closing Prayer

## *We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve*

### † The Hymn

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest Whose name is “Love,” Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav’n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable “I AM,” the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

### † The Sending

Go in peace. Your Prophet, Priest, and King goes before you. Hope in God; for you shall again praise Him, your Salvation and your God; your Everything.

### † The Benediction of God’s Grace and the Congregation’s AMEN

Minister: Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

**People: AMEN.**

### † The Postlude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Neil Harmon

*Please allow worshippers in the back of the Sanctuary to exit first to allow for social distancing. Please do not gather or socialize inside the building. Please take all personal items, including your worship bulletin, with you as you leave.*

## **WHY ARE YOU CAST DOWN, O MY SOUL?**

### **HOPE IN GOD!!**

*Draw Near to God, and He Will Draw Near to You*

Psalms 42 and 43

#### OPENING COMMENTS

#### INTRODUCTION

Thanks to J.M. Boice (outline+) who gleaned much from D. Martin Lloyd-Jones' expositions on Psalms 42-43, *Spiritual Depression: It's Causes and Cure*.

#### I. CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL DEPRESSION ~ PSALM 42

- A. Forced absence from the temple of God, where God was worshipped ~ 42:1-2
- B. The taunts of unbelievers ~ 42:3, 10
- C. Memories of better days ~ 42:4
- D. The overwhelming trials of life ~ 42:7
- E. Failure of God to act quickly on our behalf ~ 42:9
- F. Attacks from ungodly, deceitful, and wicked men ~ 43:1

#### II. THE CURE FOR SPIRITUAL DEPRESSION ~ 42:5, 11; 43:5

- A. Take yourself in hand.
- B. Act upon that which you have preached to yourself.
- C. Trust. Trust in a great certainty. Trust in a great God ~ Who does not change.

#### CONCLUSION

*For Further Study: Psalm 18:30; 81:1-2; 119:131; Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13; Mark 9:24; John 11:33; 12:27; 13:21; 14:9; Romans 7:19; II Corinthians 4:4*



## LLOYD-JONES ON PREACHING TO YOURSELF

Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself? Take those thoughts that come to you the moment you wake up in the morning. You have not originated them, but they are talking to you, they bring back the problems of yesterday, etc. Somebody is talking. Who is talking to you? Your self is talking to you. Now this man's treatment [in Psalm 42] was this: instead of allowing this self to talk to him, he starts talking to himself. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" he asks. His soul had been depressing him, crushing him. So he stands up and says: "Self, listen for a moment, I will speak to you." (*Spiritual Depression*, 20–21)

## THE BEAUTY OF CORPORATE WORSHIP

### PIPER ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CORPORATE WORSHIP AS SEEN IN PSALM 42

O how much could be said here about the importance of corporate worship in our lives. Don't take these times together lightly. What we do here is a real transaction with the living God. God means for these encounters with Him in corporate worship to preserve your faith now and in the way you remember them later. If corporate worship were not a real supernatural work of God, it would be pure sentimentalism for the psalmist to remember his experiences. He is not engaging in nostalgia. He is confirming his faith in the midst of turmoil and discouragement by remembering how real God was in corporate worship.