



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

All enjoyments spontaneously overflow into praise ...

Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible ...

We delight to praise what we enjoy

because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment.

— C. S. LEWIS



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

“On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.”

Psalm 145:5

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

Minister: Who is God?

All: The LORD, the LORD! A God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.

Minister: What is God?

All: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

† The Hymn No. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Vocalists: Fred Johnson and Mollye Gunnells

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

† 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 God's Word

The Reading of God's Word

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, 3 Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. 17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, 18 to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. 19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. 20 Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! 21 Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! 22 Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Sermon

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

Mr. McRoberts

Forget None of His Benefits

Psalm 103

Psalms of David, XXI

OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

I. **How** I AM TO PRAISE GOD ~ 103:1-5

A. Count Your Many Blessings, Name Them One by One

B. Speak Audibly of ALL Blessings

C. Sing of His Many Blessings in Your Life

D. Rehearse His Blessings Over and Over in Your Mind

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Jeremiah 13:11; Isaiah 29:13; 43:7;
Matthew 15:8; Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14*

II. **Why** I AM TO PRAISE GOD ~ 103:3-5

A. Forgiveness

B. Healing

C. Rescue

D. Contentment

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Deuteronomy 8:10-14; II Chronicles 32:25;
Isaiah 40*

III. **WHAT** MY GOD, TO WHOM I OFFER PRAISE, IS LIKE ~ 103:6-18

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Nehemiah 9:17; Psalms 86:15, 103:8, 145:8;
Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2; Romans 8:15; Ephesians 2:1-7; I John 4:17-18*

IV. **WHO** THEY ARE WHO SHOULD PRAISE GOD ~ 103:19-22

For Further Study and Encouragement: Psalm 100; John 3:16; Acts 4:12

CONCLUSION

The Receiving of New Members

A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #11

No. 55

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

† The Introduction of New Members

Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes III (Meagan)
Slade Rhodes
Thomas Rhodes

† 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 Vows for Membership

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him. And I will establish my covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household (Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31). All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Covenant Vows

Vows of the Parents

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vow of the Congregation

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

The Baptism

THOMAS STALLWORTH RHODES

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes III (Meagan)

Sibling: Slade Rhodes

Assisting: Ruling Elder/Shepherd Ken Williams

The Covenant Prayer

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn #76

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

† The Sending

Child of God, as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is the Lord's steadfast love for you. You cannot even comprehend it; His love for you is higher than the heavens above the earth; and yet we pray for one another that we would know the height and depth and width and breadth of the love of God for each of us in Christ Jesus. Go from this place with confidence that you are forgiven. And bless the Lord; bless the Lord always.

† The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: AMEN.

† The Dismissal by Pew

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.

† The Postlude

Fugue from Sonata VI
(Chorale: Our Father Which Art in Heaven)

Felix Mendelssohn

HELPFUL QUOTES

“Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:37

No limit is to set *the duration* of this promise. It does not merely say, “I will not cast out a sinner at his first coming,” but “I will in no wise cast out.” The original reads, “I will *not, not* cast out,” or “I will never, never cast out.” The text means, that Christ will not *at first* reject a believer, and that as He will not do it at first, so He will not *to the last*.

But suppose the believer sins after coming? “If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” But suppose that believers backslide? “I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for Mine anger is turned away from him.” But believers may fall under temptation! “God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” But the believer may fall into sin as David did! Yes, but He will “purge them with hyssop, and they shall be clean; He will wash them and they shall be whiter than snow”; “From all their iniquities will I cleanse them.”

“Once in Christ, in Christ forever, nothing from His love can sever.”

“I give unto My sheep,” saith He, “eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” “What sayest thou to this, O trembling feeble mind? Is not this a precious mercy, that coming to Christ, thou dost not come to the One Who will treat thee well for a little while, and then send thee about thy business, but He will receive thee and make thee His bride, and thou shalt be His forever?” Receive no longer the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of adoption whereby thou shalt cry, Abba, Father! Oh! the grace of these words: “I will in no wise cast out.”

– CHARLES H. SPURGEON, MORNING AND EVENING, JULY 30

There is a firmness, a sureness, a permanency in a believer's relationship with God that can be had in nothing else. Families and friends, nation and government, health and even life may fail us, but God never will. On us His love and righteousness are "from everlasting to everlasting" (v. 17). The God Who established His throne in Heaven and rules over all (v. 19) is the God Who forgives our sins, heals our diseases, redeems us from the pit, crowns us with love and compassion, renews our youth like the eagle's and works righteousness and justice for us when oppressed (vv. 3-6). The Lord Jehovah, God of the covenant, "is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (v. 8) toward all who fear Him. How truly, then, does this love cast out fear of final condemnation (I John 4:17-18) in those who have received not the spirit of bondage to fear but the "Spirit of sonship" that entitles us to cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom. 8:15).

– E. CALVIN BEISNER, PSALMS OF PROMISE, PAGE 209

Unless I miss my guess, you and I are on the edge of a new level of growth in the Lord right now. Considering the psalmist's call to bless the Lord with all my being has revealed some reluctant inner portions of my mind and heart. That prompted me to ask "Can I bless the Lord with all that is within me – all that is within my memory, imagination, will, and vision for the future?"

– LLOYD JOHN OGILVIE, FALLING INTO GREATNESS, PAGE 176



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