



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 30, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Comparing all the Psalms to gems, we should liken this to a pearl:
how beautifully it will adorn the neck of patience. It is one of the shortest Psalms to read,
but one of the longest to learn. It speaks of a young child,
but it contains the experience of a man in Christ. Lowliness and humility are here seen
in connection with a sanctified heart, a will subdued to the mind of God,
and a hope looking to the Lord alone.*

—SPURGEON ON PSALM 131



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

“...let us offer to God acceptable worship,
with reverence and awe for our God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 12:28

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 Call to Worship

Mr. Pendley

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name!

† The Hymn No. 345

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

(stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

Vocalists: Thomas Govan; Alyssa Johnson

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He Whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

† 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 Prayers

The Call to Prayer

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. [Isaiah 55:6; James 4:8]

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You so that You may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem. It is He Who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. [Psalm 130]

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. [James 4:10; Matthew 11:28-30]

The Pastoral Prayer

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church. Following the service, please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel (E-100).

We Receive God's Word

The Reading of God's Word

Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. 2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. 3 O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #10

Abide with Me

Words: Henry Lyte; Music: Justin Smith

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

Duet: Thomas Govan; Alyssa Johnson

Impending death is the theme of this great hymn, but its encouragement is much broader. Yes, the hymnwriter knows what he needs most at death is the presence of God, but the hymn in its entirety is a plea for God's divine companionship in all of life. While we all experience the fear of abandonment, here is a hymn that takes that fear head-on. Every passing hour through cloud and sunshine. With the Psalmist, this hymnwriter wants to find his contentment in God alone; his satisfaction in Christ alone; his abiding joy in God's Spirit alone.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile; and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee, On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour. What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

The Sermon

GODLINESS + CONTENTMENT = GREAT GAIN

Mr. McRoberts

When One Is Satisfied In Christ

Psalm 131

Psalms of David, XXII

OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*For Further Meditation and Encouragement: Matthew 11:28-30; I Timothy 6:6;
James 4:6, 10; I Peter 5:5, 6*

I. LEARNED HUMILITY: 131:1

For Further Meditation and Encouragement: Psalm 138:6; Proverbs 3:34

II. ABSOLUTE TRUST ~ 131:2

*For Further Meditation and Encouragement: Leviticus 10:3; Psalm 46:10;
Lamentations 3:24-25, 28; Isaiah 49:15, 66:13; John 14:27; Matthew 11:28-30 (again)*

III. CONSUMMATE HOPE~ 131:3

For Further Meditation and Encouragement: Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 55:6; James 4:8

CONCLUSION

*In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

The Closing Pastoral Prayer

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn

He Will Hold Me Fast

(see page 8)

† The Sending

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be quick to love and make haste to be kind, and be assured that God cares infinitely more about our future than our past.

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

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

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

Psalm XVIII

Benedetto Marcello

("I will praise Thee, O Lord, my strength")

He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

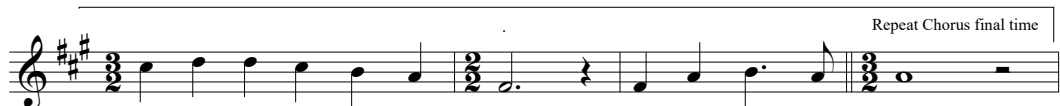


For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at



fast.
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He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

