

The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Not mere omniscience, but a knowledge which knows him altogether,
not mere omnipresence, but a presence which he can nowhere escape,
not mere creative power, but a power which shaped him,
fill and thrill the psalmist's soul.*

— Alexander Maclaren on David and Psalm 139



The Prelude

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.*
Psalm 29:2

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

Romans 11: 33

Mr. Curles

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

† The Hymn No. 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!
(stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

NICAEA

Vocalists: Susan and Mike Bunce (8:30); Braden and Merrit Lee (11:00)

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!
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† 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 139

Lord, You have searched me and known me! 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. 7 Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there! 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," 12 even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You. 13 For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with You. 19 Oh that You would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! 20 They speak against You with malicious intent; Your enemies take Your name in vain. 21 Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? 22 I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies. 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the 8:30 worship service, your children will be taken to their Sunday school classes.
Following the 11:00 service, please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel (E-100).*

OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

I. HOW WELL DOES GOD KNOW ME? ~ 139:1-6

Omniscience Made Personal

Perfect Knowledge of All Things

II. HOW CLOSE IS GOD TO ME? ~ 139:7-12

Omnipresence Made Personal

God's Ubiquity and Me

III. HOW CAREFULLY HAS GOD MADE ME? ~ 139:13-18

Omnipotence Made Personal

God's All-Powerful Nature and Me

IV. HOW MUCH DOES GOD PROTECT/HELP ME? ~ 139:19-24

Holiness Made Personal

God's Loyal Love and Me

CONCLUSION

Admission of Covenant Children to the Lord's Supper (8:30)

BRODIE TOBIAS ALSTON

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RILEY HALL COLLETT

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JOHN LAWSON ROTH

ANDREW JAMES WALES

† 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 Confirmation Vows

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 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 a follower 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 yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Prayer of Commitment

The Declaration

Forasmuch as you have made confession of your faith, I do now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, admit you to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and to the fellowship of Christ's Church.

The Charge

And now confirmed as a member of Christ's Church, go forth into the world in peace; take courage; put on the full armor of God; be above reproach; have a good reputation with those outside the church; there is no reason for revenge—leave it in the Lord's hands; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; pray for the afflicted; love God and love others; believe the gospel; rest in the freedom of grace; diligently do the good deeds prepared in advance for you to do; and do all things without complaining, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Family of God, as we draw near to the Lord's Supper to celebrate Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us be grateful and remember that our Lord instituted this sacrament as a perpetual reminder of His dying for our sakes and as a pledge of His undying love for us.

Therefore, Jesus bids us to come to Him in this sacrament in knowledge, faith, repentance, love, and with hearts hungering and thirsting for Him. If we are willingly and stubbornly living in sin, lacking peace in our relationships with others, secretly relying on our own good works for favor with God, then we are warned by God's Word not to receive this sacrament.

But all who are truly sorry for their sins and long to be delivered from the burden of them; all who are weary from brokenness and long to be filled with the life of Christ; all who are doubting and need the assuring embrace of God; all who humbly put their trust in Christ and desire His grace that they may lead a holy life; and, all who are baptized members in an evangelical church, are invited and encouraged in His name to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Let us therefore come that we be refreshed and find rest for our souls.

If you are not in a saving relationship with God through Christ today, do not take the bread and cup, but take Christ and receive Him in your heart as those around you receive the meal. Then, immediately following the service, come and tell a minister or one of our leaders what you have done so we can prepare you to receive communion next time as a child of God.

✠ The Hymn of Preparation

A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #8

No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

(stanzas 1 and 3)

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

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [*Refrain*]

✠ The Confession of Our Faith (11:00)

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✠ The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn *We Will Feast in the House of Zion* (see page 11)

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

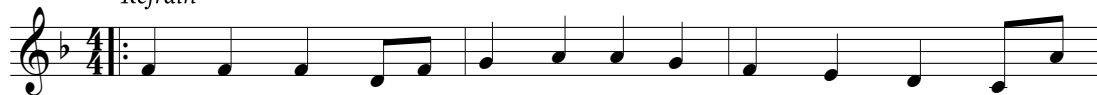
† The Dismissal by Pew

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 "My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker" Johann Walther

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Refrain



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther.

Verse



We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be

2. In the dark of

3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God. We are not con -
night be - fore the dawn. My soul be not a - fraid; for the pro - mised
bro - ken and be - trayed. You are the faith - ful One. and _ from the



sumed by the flood. Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
morn - ing, O how long. O God of Ja - cob be _ my strength.
gar - den to the grave. Bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom.



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