



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Now someone might say to me: "Can't you ever do anything but speak only about the righteousness, wisdom and strength of God rather than of man, always expounding Scripture from the standpoint of God's righteousness and grace, always harping on the same string and singing the same old song?" To this I answer: "Let each one look to himself. [But] as for me, I confess: Whenever I found less in the Scriptures than Christ, I was never satisfied; but whenever I found more than Christ, I never became poorer. Therefore it seems to me to be true that God the Holy Spirit does not know and does not want to know anything besides Jesus Christ... [For] Christ is God's grace, mercy, righteousness, truth, wisdom, power, comfort, and salvation, given to us by God without any merit on our part. [And regarding our sins] weep over them, and then with humble awe ... long earnestly for grace and mercy."

— Martin Luther on Psalm 143



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude *It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High; to tell of Your loving-kindness early in the morning and of Your faithfulness in the night season.*

Psalm 92:1-2

Please sit only in open pews and maintain social distancing. Masks are required for attendees over 6 years old 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

Psalm 7:17

Mr. Curles

I will give to the LORD the thanks due to His righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

† The Hymn No. 598

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Vocalists: Josh Blades/Rosemary Hudson (8:30); Thomas Govan/Lacey Thomas (11:00)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

† 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 Confession – I Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, the man
Christ Jesus.

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Help us, O God, for the glory of Your name deliver us and forgive our sins, for
Your name's sake. Give ear to our cry for mercy, and in Your faithfulness answer
us. No one is righteous, no not one; none seek after You. But we know that if we
confess our sins, You are faithful to forgive us and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. We confess the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the
boastful pride of life. Hide not Your face from us. Let us hear of Your steadfast
love in the morning; new morning mercies, for in You we trust. You are our rock
and our fortress; our deliverer and safe harbor; our help and our upholder; for
Your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Isaiah 42:1-3

Child of God, your sins are many; His mercy is more. And of the Son the Father has
said, Behold My servant, Whom I uphold, My chosen, in Whom My soul delights;
I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will
not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He
will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully
bring forth justice. Believe the gospel, and live in peace.

† A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #6

No. 44

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

(stanzas 1, 3-4)

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

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'-out the universe displayed.

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain.*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou Art. *Refrain.*

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 Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of God's Word

Psalm 143:1-6

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness! 2 Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You. 3 For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. 4 Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. 5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done; I ponder the work of Your hands. 6 I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

The Sermon

MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU

Mr. McRoberts

God-centered Praying

Psalm 143

Psalms of David, XXVI

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A sermon outline can be found on the insert.

The Closing Pastoral Prayer

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder
(stanzas 1, 3-5)

ALL SAINTS OLD

Let us love and sing and wonder,
let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
holds in view the conqu'ror's crown;
He Who washed us with His blood,
soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
join, and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is,
justice smiles, and asks no more:
He Who washed us with His blood,
has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted Him before us,
now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with Your blood;
You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

† The Sending

Go from this place in the shelter of the Most High. He is faithful. Your sins – they are many, but His mercy is more. Call to mind His mighty works; remember all He has done for you; bask in His love; thrive in His strength; rest in His peace.

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

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit fall and rest in your hearts this day and forevermore.

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

Improvisation on "Westminster Abbey"
[Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation]

Wetzler/Patterson



The Sanctuary Flowers

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN APPRECIATION OF
The Pastors and Staff of Trinity Church