



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MAY 16, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*God (the greatest Lover)
so loved (the greatest degree)
the world (the greatest company),
that He gave (the greatest act)
His only begotten Son (the greatest gift),
that whosoever (the greatest opportunity)
believeth (the greatest simplicity)
in Him (the greatest attraction)
should not perish (the greatest promise),
but (the greatest difference)
have (the greatest certainty)
everlasting life (the greatest possession).*



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude *The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.*

Psalm 14:2

Please sit only in open pews and maintain social distancing. Masks are optional in the sanctuary; masks are mandatory in the Westminster Room and the Spires Room.

The Striking of the Hour

Minister: In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 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. Amen.

Minister: I will tell of Your Name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

† 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 Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession – Psalm 51:1-4, 7-12

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

The Assurance of Pardon – Titus 3:5-6

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love He sought me,
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house forever.

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 Felder Avenue door
of the Covenant Building.*

We Receive God's Word

† The Reading of God's Word

John 3:16-21

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. 18 Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the Name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the Light and does not come to the Light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the Light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

† The Humble Response of Submission

Minister: All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
People: **The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Sermon

A LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

Mr. McRoberts

For God So Loved the World

John 3:16-21

The Gospel of John, IX

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A sermon outline can be found on page 10.

The Receiving of New Members

The Introductions (8:30)

Mrs. Mark Hertenstein (Susannah)

Cindy Kessler

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody (Elizabeth)

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wood (Marsha)

Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Woodham (Lori)

Miss Izzy Woodham

The Introductions (11:00)

Rose DesJarlais

Dr. and Mrs. Griffin Gibson (Rhona)

Maggie Nell, Elizabeth, and Anne Griffin Gibson

Miss Katherine Golden

Mr. Weston Heartsill

Miss Katherine Warren

† 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 Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 101

Come, Thou Almighty King
(stanzas 1 and 3)

TRINITY

Come, Thou Almighty King,
help us Thy Name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou Who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

✠ The Sending (in unison)

Almighty God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Friend, we adore You in Your infinite majesty and power, and we bless You for Your wondrous love revealed in Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior, to Whom, with You, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, dominion and power, now and forevermore. Amen.

✠ The Benediction of God's Grace and The Congregation's AMEN

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, descend and rest in your hearts until the day breaks and all these shadows flee away.

People: Amen.

✠ The People Respond Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

✠ The Dismissal by Pew

Please allow worshippers in the back of the Sanctuary to exit first to allow for social distancing.

✠ The Postlude A Millennial Trumpet Franklin D. Ashdown



The Sanctuary Flowers

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Robert Carter Nicholas III

BY MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD FRAZER MCRAE, JR.

A LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

For God So Loved the World

John 3:16-21

The Gospel of John, IX

OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PURPOSEFUL LOVE OF GOD ~ vv. 16-18

A. Various Aspects of God's Love ~ v. 16

1. *The Author (God)*
2. *Its Character (so loved)*
3. *Its Gift (His Son, the only-begotten)*
4. *Its Object (the world)*
5. *Its Purpose (that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life)*

B. Various Objects of God's Love ~ vv. 17-18

II. THE MISGUIDED LOVE OF MAN vv. 19-21

CONCLUSION

For Further Reflection and Encouragement: Isaiah 53:10; Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:26; John 1:1, 12-14; 3:20, 36; 5:24; 6:35, 37, 40, 44; 8:47; 10:10, 26; 11:25-26; 12:44; 14:1; 15:5; 17:3, 8, 20; 18:37; 20:21; Romans 3:23; 5:7-8; 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:8; 6:2; Ephesians 2:4-5; 3:18-19; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 11:17-19; James 2:19; 1 John 4:8; Revelation 13:8; 14:10

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Thank you for joining us for worship.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY. Use this form to indicate your presence with us for worship. Fill out the appropriate sections, tear off, and place the form in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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Names and ages of children at home:

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed

AGE GROUP ☐ 12 and under ☐ 13-17 ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-35
☐ 36-50 ☐ Over 50

☐ First Time Visitor ☐ Repeat Visitor
☐ Visiting with family/friends ☐ Regular Attender
☐ New Resident

☐ Desire a visit
☐ Interested in knowing more about Trinity
☐ Interested in New Members Class

MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDERS

Please let us know of:

☐ New Address

☐ New Phone (_____) _____

☐ New Email _____

Name _____

To my Elders...

I have the following prayer and/or praise to God:

To my Deacons...

I know of the following situation where assistance is needed:

NAME _____

TODAY'S DATE _____

TELEPHONE _____

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior. *Amen.*

*(If you are saying this prayer for the first time today,
please let one of the ministers know)*



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