



*The Lord's Day in Worship*

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**MAY 30, 2021**

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*"Not I but Christ, be honored, loved, exalted.*

*Not I but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard.*

*Not I but Christ, in every look and action.*

*Not I but Christ, in every thought and word."*

— FANNIE BOLTON



## *We Enter Into God's Presence*

The Prelude    *But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly;  
the Lord will hear when I call to Him;  
offer sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.*

Psalm 4: 3,5

*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

† The Ascription of Praise

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring!

The Call to Worship

Mr. Howell

Beloved in Christ, child of God: it is in Him we live and move and have our being!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who doth  
prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous  
wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand  
guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
spreading His wings to o’ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
gladly fore’er we adore Him.

✠ 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.**

✠ The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 – Romans 8:32

He Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

#### The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

#### The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**O King and Father, Your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. We confess to You: Lord, though You should guide us, we inform ourselves; though You should rule us, we control ourselves; though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with Your word, heal our divided wills with Your law, heal our troubled consciences with Your love, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.**

#### The Assurance of Pardon – John 15:12-17

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

#### The Pastoral Prayer

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

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 3:22-36

22 After this Jesus and His disciples went into the Judean countryside, and He remained there with them and was baptizing. 23 John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized 24 (for John had not yet been put in prison). 25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. 26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He Who was with you across the Jordan, to Whom you bore witness—look, He is baptizing, and all are going to Him." 27 John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.' 29 The One Who has the bride is the Bridegroom. The friend of the Bridegroom, who stands and hears Him, rejoices greatly at the Bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease." 31 He Who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He Who comes from heaven is above all. 32 He bears witness to what He has seen and heard, yet no one receives His testimony. 33 Whoever receives His testimony sets His seal to this, that God is true. 34 For He Whom God has sent utters the words of God, for He gives the Spirit without measure. 35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

† The People of God Respond to the Word of God

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

**HE MUST INCREASE, I MUST DECREASE**

Mr. McRoberts

*Godliness with Contentment Is Great Gain*

John 3:22-36

The Gospel of John, X

INTRODUCTION

I. SETTING THE STAGE: The Jealousy of the Discontent ~ 3:22-26

II. CALMING THE TENSION: The Contentment of the Best Man ~ 3:27-31

III. RECEIVING HIS TESTIMONY: The Delight of the Surrendered ~ 3:32-36

CONCLUSION

*For Further Encouragement and Meditation: Genesis 50:20; Job 1:21; John 5:19ff; 6:37ff; 8:29; 12:44ff; I Jn 5:10*

The Closing Prayer



*We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve*

† The Hymn No. 713

*Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer*

ST. ANNE

Great King of nations, hear our prayer,  
while at Your feet we fall,  
and humbly, with united cry,  
to You for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is Yours,  
O turn us not away;  
but hear us from Your lofty throne,  
and help us when we pray.

Our fathers' sins were manifold,  
and ours no less we own,  
yet wondrously from age to age  
Your goodness has been shown.

When dangers, like a stormy sea,  
beset our country round,  
to You we looked, to You we cried,  
and help in You was found.

With one consent we meekly bow  
beneath Your chast'ning hand,  
and, pouring forth confession meet,  
mourn with our mourning land.

With pitying eye behold our need,  
as thus we lift our prayer;  
correct us with Your judgments, Lord,  
then let Your mercy spare.

✠ 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.*

✠ The Postlude                      Improvisation on "National Hymn"                      arr. Mark Thewes



## *The Sanctuary Flowers*

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN BY THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
THE TRINITY CHURCH WOMEN WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST YEAR.

*Nona Duke  
Ethel Harris  
Margaret Luquire  
Anne Nettles  
Martha Jane Rhodes  
Denise Webber*

## DEACONS

John Albritton III  
Brian Atkins  
David Beach  
Josh Blades  
John Bricken III  
Clint Carroll  
David Coyne  
Nick Freeman  
Scott Gilreath  
Thomas Govan, Jr.  
Ross Gunnells  
Josh Hall III  
Whit Hamilton  
Ty Howard III  
Franklin Johnson  
Jake Johnson  
Cody Jones  
Gerry Lash, Jr.  
Stuart Newsome  
Doug Robertson  
Aduston Rogers  
Todd Romanowski  
Davis Smith  
Stephen Spooner  
Harrison Taylor  
Kyle Trammell  
Rich Williamson, Jr.

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*Claude E. McRoberts III*

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John Weiss  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children at home:

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☐ 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

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☐ New Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## *To my Elders...*

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

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## *To my Deacons...*

I know of the following situation where assistance is needed:

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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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