



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JULY 4, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Christian freedom does not mean being free to do as we like; it means being free to do as we ought.

— WILLIAM BARCLAY

The only freedom that man ever has is when he becomes a slave to Jesus Christ.

— R. C. SPROUL



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

Three Early American Hymn Tune Settings:

SIMPLE GIFTS, (Wood), HOLY MANNA (Hustad), and AMAZING GRACE (Schelat)

Dr. Angela Willoughby, *guest organist*

*Please maintain social distancing. Masks are optional in the sanctuary;
masks are mandatory in the Spires Room. Overflow is available in the Westminster Room.*

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 124:8; 145:18 [ref. Psalm 73:1]

Mr. Curles

Minister: Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

**ALL: The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him
in truth.**

Minister: God is good.

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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.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

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.

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 Return to the Gospel

The Reading of the Law

The Scriptural Warning of the Human Condition ~ Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

The Scriptural Reminder of the Way of Salvation ~ John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The Morning Prayer

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.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age.

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 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 room E-100 of the Covenant Building.*

We Receive God's Word

† The Reading of God's Word

John 5:30-47

30 “I can do nothing on My own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not My own will but the will of Him Who sent Me. 31 If I alone bear witness about Myself, My testimony is not true. 32 There is Another Who bears witness about Me, and I know that the testimony that He bears about Me is true. 33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given Me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about Me that the Father has sent Me. 37 And the Father Who sent Me has Himself borne witness about Me. His voice you have never heard, His form you have never seen, 38 and you do not have His Word abiding in you, for you do not believe the One Whom He has sent. 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me, 40 yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people. 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43 I have come in My Father's Name, and you do not receive Me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

† 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

IN DEPENDENCE

Mr. Cooper

John 5:30-47

The Gospel of John, XV

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Sermon outline on page 8.

The Closing Prayer

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn

I Vow to Thee, My Country

THAXTED

I vow to thee, my country—all earthly things above—
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago—
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

† 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 Quiet Meditation and Personal Application of God's Word

† The Postlude

Great Day

David Schelat

IN DEPENDENCE
John 5:30-47
The Gospel of John, XV

I. THE CONTEXT OF THE CONVERSATION

II. CHRIST DECLARES HIS DEPENDENCE

III. THE WITNESSES

A. The Preparer of the Way

B. The Powerful Works

C. The Precious Word

IV. TRAGIC IRONY

V. SO WHAT?