



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 22, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Many people in our relativistic age claim that there are many lights that can illumine the path out of spiritual darkness. Eastern religions, in fact, often speak of people as receiving illumination from Buddha or another respected figure. But Jesus is the only Light Who can show us the way back to our Creator. We dare not trust any other light than the Light of the World. If we trust only in Him, we will have all of the light we will ever need for salvation.

— TABLETALK MAGAZINE

*“If Jesus Christ is not true God, how could He help us?
If He is not true man, how could He help us?”*

— DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

*“Touching His human nature, Jesus is no longer present with us.
Touching His Divine nature, He is never absent from us.”*

— R. C. SPROUL



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

‘Nimrod’ from the Enigma Variations, Op. 36

E. Elgar

Transcribed by W.H. Harris

*For God, Who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 4:6

*Please maintain social distancing. Masks are requested in the sanctuary;
masks are mandatory in the Westminster Room and in the Spires Room.*

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit

Praise the Lord, Ye Heav'ns Adore Him

Arr. David Friberg

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him; praise Him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before Him; praise Him all ye stars of light.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth and all creation laud and magnify His Name. Amen.

The Call to Worship

Mr. Howell

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! For He is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? [His] Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

† The Hymn No. 170

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be Thine.

† The Prayer of 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.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your Name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Your Name's sake. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ unto all that truly repent and turn to Him: come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Whoever comes to Me I will never cast out. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, Thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Chancel Choir

Don Wrytzen

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than Thy blest Name, O Savior of mankind.

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show-
the love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 13:21-22; Numbers 9:17-23

21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

17 And whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, after that the people of Israel set out, and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the people of Israel camped. 18 At the command of the Lord the people of Israel set out, and at the command of the Lord they camped. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. 19 Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle many days, the people of Israel kept the charge of the Lord and did not set out. 20 Sometimes the cloud was a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the Lord they remained in camp; then according to the command of the Lord they set out. 21 And sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning. And when the cloud lifted in the morning, they set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they set out. 22 Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, abiding there, the people of Israel remained in camp and did not set out, but when it lifted they set out. 23 At the command of the Lord they camped, and at the command of the Lord they set out. They kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by Moses.

The New Testament Lesson

John 8:12-30

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I Am the Light of the World. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 13 So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; Your testimony is not true." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true, for it is not I alone Who judge, but I and the Father Who sent Me.

17 In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am the one Who bears witness about Myself, and the Father Who sent Me bears witness about Me.” 19 They said to Him therefore, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also.” 20 These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; but no one arrested Him, because His hour had not yet come. 21 So He said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek Me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.” 22 So the Jews said, “Will He kill himself, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?” 23 He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins.” 25 So they said to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. 26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but He Who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from Him.” 27 They did not understand that He had been speaking to them about the Father. 28 So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own authority, but speak just as the Father taught Me. 29 And He Who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” 30 As He was saying these things, many believed in Him.

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Personal Preparation of the Heart

Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children’s Church.

The Sermon

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Mr. McRoberts

John 8:12-30

The Gospel of John, XXII

"I AM" Series #2

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CRUCIAL SETTING

For further meditation and encouragement: Exodus 13:21-22; Numbers 9:17-23, 10:35-36; Isaiah 9:1, 60:1-3, 29-20; John 1:14

II. THE DARKNESS OF MANKIND ~ 8:12

For further meditation and encouragement: Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 5:20; John 3:16, 17:3; Colossians 1:13; I Peter 2:9; I John 1:5

III. THE DEMAND FOR BELIEF ~ 8:13-30

For further meditation and encouragement: Exodus 34:6-7; Isaiah 9:6; John 5:17-18, 8:58, 10:30, 14:9-14; Acts 1:2; I Peter 1:2

CONCLUSION

For further meditation and encouragement: Psalm 84:11, 103:1-5; Malachi 4:2; John 7:37-38

The Closing Prayer

BELIEVING GOD'S PROMISES

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

The Hymn of Preparation No. 679 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* TRUST IN JESUS
(stanzas 1 and 4)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His Word;
just to rest upon His promise;
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end. *[Refrain]*

The Introduction of the Covenant Families

VIRGINIA BARRY FREEMAN

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Nick Freeman (Lucy)
Siblings: Millie, James, and Charlie
Assisting: Ruling Elder/Grandfather Dr. Barry Gillespie
Ruling Elder/Shepherd Rob Godwin

SUSAN REESE HALL

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hall (Rachel)
Sibling: Becca Hall
Assisting: Ruling Elder/Shepherd Rob Godwin



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 Biblical Promise

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household (Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31). All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do your own?

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vow of the Congregation

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

The Covenant Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 345

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
(stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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.

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 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 *Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 531* J. S. Bach

Following the 8:30 service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the Freeman and Hall families at the front of the church. Join them in their excitement, thanksgiving and anticipation of God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Please use this time to assure them that you will indeed be there for them in prayer, with encouragement, as a source of refuge and partnership, as well as an aid in instructing Virginia and Reese in the fear and admonition of the Lord.



The Sanctuary Flowers

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

Florence Evans Jordan

BY HER FAMILY.