

# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 29, 2021

# **MORNING WORSHIP**

### THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Lord, it belongs not to my care. Christ leads me through no darker rooms than He went through before.

RICHARD BAXTER

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS



# APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Variations on St. Columba (The King of Love), Op. 101

C. V. Stanford

The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Adapted from Psalm 23

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

Brethren, we have met to worship, and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around!

The Call to Worship

Mr. Curles

He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

† The Hymn No. 301

Join All the Glorious Names

DARWALL

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r, that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore: all are too poor to speak His worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless Thy Name:
by Thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died; my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside: His pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my pattern, and my Guide, and Thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near Thy side; nor let my feet e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

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 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

Most merciful Father, nothing in Your flock is hidden from You. We confess our weaknesses that lead to idolatry, our failures that scar Your Church, our desires that give birth to sin. You know our temptations, our sins, the good which we have neglected when it was within reach, the evil which we have pursued when it lay afar. All is open and laid bare before Your eyes. Nothing is hidden from Your sight. You know us better than we know ourselves, and yet You love us still. Lord God, have mercy according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Child of God, hear the Good News: we have an Advocate with the Father Who says to you this morning: "I am The Door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."

The Pastoral Prayer

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me: His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

# HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising
Chancel Choir

THAXTED; arr. Mays

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,
We honor and adore You, Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## The Prayer of Illumination

# † The Reading of God's Word

### The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:10-11, 26-31

10 Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. 11 He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of His might and because He is strong in power, not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to Him Who has no might He increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

### The New Testament Lesson

John 10:1-10

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But He Who enters by the door is the Shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear His voice, and He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When He has brought out all His own, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the Door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the Door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

# 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 DOOR

Mr. McRoberts

John 10:1-10 The Gospel of John, XXIII "I AM" Series #3

#### INTRODUCTION

For further meditation and encouragement: Psalm 23:1, 97:5, 100:3; Isaiah 40:11; Mark 6:34, 14:27; Hebrews 13:20

### I. A PROMISE: AS HIS SHEEP, HE KNOWS ME ~ 10:1-3

For further meditation and encouragement: Matthew 9:9; Luke 19:5-6; John 1:43, 10:14, 11:44-45, 20:11-17; Romans 5:6-8, 8:29-30

### II. A CERTAINTY: AS HIS SHEEP, HE GUIDES ME ~ 10:4-5

For further meditation and encouragement: Psalm 23

ASIDE: ONE PARABLE, TWO PARTS ~ 10:6

### III. A COMFORT: AS HIS SHEEP, HE RESCUES ME ~ 10:7-9

For further meditation and encouragement: Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 10:20

### CONCLUSION: HOW MIGHT I ENTER THE SHEEP FOLD? ~ JOHN 10:10

The Closing Prayer

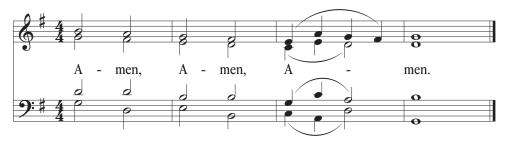
# FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn In Christ Alone (see page 8)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

Minister: Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

The Threefold Amen (sung by all):



The Postlude

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### In Christ Alone

