



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 3, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

“Now we cannot...discover our failure to keep God’s law except by trying our very hardest (and then failing). Unless we really try, whatever we say there will always be at the back of our minds the idea that if we try harder next time we shall succeed in being completely good. Thus, in one sense, the road back to God is a road of moral effort, of trying harder and harder. But in another sense it is not trying that is ever going to bring us home. All this trying leads up to the vital moment at which you turn to God and say, “You must do this. I can’t.”

– C.S. LEWIS, MERE CHRISTIANITY



APPROACHING GOD’S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

O for the Wings of a Dove from *Hear My Prayer*
Mary Clare Johnson, violin

Felix Mendelssohn

*And I say, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;
yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness.”*

Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;

He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 55:6-7 & 22

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

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise (*sung by all*)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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

Almighty God, Who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning to You empty-handed. You Who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark. You Who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Romans 5:8-9

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved
by Him from the wrath of God.

The Pastoral Prayer

† The Hymn No. 347

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word:
from Heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands.
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled, His voice I hear,
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.
Arise my soul, arise!

The Prayer of Illumination

✠ The Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:4-6

4 So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” 5 And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works You are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show Yourself to the world." 5 For not even His brothers believed in Him. 6 Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify about it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." 9 After saying this, He remained in Galilee. 10 But after His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He also went up, not publicly but in private.

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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 Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

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

The Sermon

WHO IS THIS?
John 7:1-52
The Gospel of John, XXVIII

Mr. Cooper

INTRODUCTION

I. JESUS AND HIS BROTHERS ~ 7:1-10

A. Context – 6:66

B. Advice – 7:3-7

C. Timing – 7:8

II. JESUS AND THE CROWDS ~ 7:12-36, 40-52

A. Rumors, Theories & Conspiracies

B. Opinions on Jesus

1. Convinced ~ 7:40-41

2. Confused ~ 7:12, 26-27

3. Contrary ~ 7:15, 35-36

4. Contemplative ~ 7:50-51

III. RIVERS OF LIVING WATER ~ 7:37-39

A. The Feast of Booths

B. Living Water

CONCLUSION

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

Man of Sorrows! what a Name for the Son of God, Who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He;
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry:
now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

† 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.

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):



The Postlude

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

J. S. Bach