



# **THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP**

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**OCTOBER 17, 2021**

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# MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*As man [Jesus] flees from the stones,  
but woe to those from whose hearts of stone God flees.*

– AUGUSTINE



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Dawn Hymn

A. Hovhanness

*So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not fear; what can man do to me?..."*

*For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.*

*Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,  
that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name.*

Hebrews 13:6, 14-15

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

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit

*Come to Zion*

Early American, arr. Glick

Come to Zion, sin-sick souls in sorrow bound.  
Lay your cares before the altar where true healing may be found.  
Shout Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise resounds o'er land and sea.  
All who will may come and share the glories of this jubilee!

The Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Mr. Howell

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name! Bless the  
Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who  
heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with  
steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed  
like the eagle's.

† The Hymn No. 101

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

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Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy Name to sing, help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.  
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou Who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.

**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 Call to Confession – Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Responsive Prayer of Confession – Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy

**All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

Minister: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**All: Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment.**

Minister: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**All: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Minister: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**All: Do not cast me from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

The Assurance of God’s Pardon – Psalm 145:13-14

The LORD is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

*I Will Rise*

Tomlin; arr. Courtney

*Soloists:* Cheyenne Gibson, Fran Nabholz, Josh Blades

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.

I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise!

There's a day that's drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light.  
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my sight.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise!

† The Reading of God's Word

John 8:31-59

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the Son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill Me because My Word finds no place in you. 38 I speak of what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

39 They answered Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, 40 but now you seek to kill Me, a Man Who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. 41 You are doing the works your father did.” They said to Him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear My Word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” 48 The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” 49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One Who seeks it, and He is the judge. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death.” 52 The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ 53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make yourself out to be?” 54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father Who glorifies Me, of Whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ 55 But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His Word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” 57 So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” 59 So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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.**



stanza 1: Choir alone

Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me,  
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
throughout the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,  
my spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word.

stanza 2: **Congregation**

**Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my All in all.**

stanza 3: Choir alone

Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;  
give me to eat and live with Thee above;  
teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

stanza 4: **ALL**

**O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,  
that He may touch mine eyes, and make me see:  
show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,  
and in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.**

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



*One Greater Than Father Abraham Will Give Me Life*

John 8:31-59

The Gospel of John, XXX

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. THE TRUTH SETS ONE FREE ~ 8:31-36**

- A. A True Disciple Abides in Jesus' Word
- B. A True Disciple Is Set Free
- C. A True Disciple Does Not Deny a Previous Bondage to Sin

**II. THE APPEAL TO FATHER ABRAHAM ~ 8:37-47**

- A. Neither a Child of God Nor a Child of Abraham ~ vs. 37-43
- B. Only a Child of the Evil One and His "Partner in Crime" ~ vs. 44-46
- C. Both the Father's Child and the Savior's "Sibling" ~ v. 47

**III. THE SAFETY FOUND IN THE GREAT I AM ~ 8:48-59**

- A. Yahweh Has Power over Death ~ vs. 48-51
- B. Yahweh Is Superior to Abraham ~ vs. 52-56
- C. Yahweh Is Eternal Deity ~ vs. 57-59

**CONCLUSION: ~ 15:8**

*For further meditation and encouragement: Genesis 17:7, 22:16-18; Matthew 15:24; John 1:14, 29, 3:6-8, 36, 5:24, 6:68, 17:3, 20:31; Romans 2:29, 3:23, 5:5, 9:6-8; Galatians 3:13; I Corinthians 15:6; II Corinthians 4:4, 6; Ephesians 2:3-5; Hebrews 11:10, 12:23; I John 3:8; Revelation 3:20*

## The Closing Prayer

### FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 672

*Trust and Obey*  
(stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay;  
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. [*Refrain*]

But we never can prove the delights of His love  
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows,  
and the joy He bestows, are for them Who will trust and obey. [*Refrain*]

† 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

*Psalm-Prelude: God Is Our Hope and Strength (Psalm 46)*

Robert Powell



## *The Sanctuary Flowers*

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

*Lewis Jeffrey Stabler*

OCT 17, 1964 – NOV 17, 2020

**BY HIS FAMILY.**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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