

*I read the Psalms when yet my eyes could read
and I discovered, oh, so many ways,
that the great psalmist felt the urge and need
to magnify his God in songs of praise.
Praise is an effort—both when times are good
and happiness fills our hearts
and in dark times not fully understood.
Then it is hard to say: “I’ll praise, I will.”
I will—a conscious effort. I will praise!
I will love Thee! I will extol!
I will rejoice and make a joyful noise!
Yes, I will praise Thee, Lord, with heart and soul.
But once the songs of praise roll off my tongue
I’ll serve the Lord with gladness and with joy.
But more than that—I may not praise alone.
Praise ye the Lord; ye nations, praise His name.
Sing of His mercy. Make His goodness known.*

– THE AUTHOR IS AN ELECT LADY DYING OF CANCER AFTER A PROLONGED, PAINFUL FIGHT.
SHE DICTATED THIS TO HER SON ON HER DEATHBED. WITHOUT BITTERNESS, SHE KEEPS HER EYES
FIXED ON JESUS AND PRAISES HIM UNTIL HER FINAL BREATH.
THIS LADY WAS A MEMBER OF THE PCA; SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU OR ME.

THE LORD’S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 31, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*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.*



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Psalm IXX

Benedetto Marcello; arr. Mays

Bryan Reeves, *trumpet*

Dennis Herrick, *trumpet*

Brenda Luchsinger, *horn*

Doug Bristol, *trombone*

Brandon Slocum, *bass trombone*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork...

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Psalm 19:1, 7-8

*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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join us in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord!

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker, for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

† The Confession of Our Faith

Mr. Curles
The Apostles' Creed

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Matthew 25:31-32, 46

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. And all the nations will be gathered before Him. And He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats ... And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Child of God, hear the good news! He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. A hallmark of Jesus' earthly ministry was compassion, and that compassion is the same "yesterday, today and forever." See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. Remember the Gospel, and live in peace.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Congregation and Chancel Choir

ST. ANNE, arr. Carl Schalk

ALL: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Women of the Congregation and Choir:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Choir Alone: Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

Men of the Congregation and Choir:

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an ev'ning gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Choir Alone: Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

ALL: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

The Prayer of Illumination

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's Name bear witness about Me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among My sheep. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are One."

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone You but for blasphemy, because You, being a man, make Yourself God." 34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? 35 If He called them gods to whom the Word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— 36 do you say of Him Whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? 37 If I am not doing the works of My Father, then do not believe Me; 38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me and I am in the Father." 39 Again they sought to arrest Him, but He escaped from their hands.

40 He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there He remained. 41 And many came to Him. And they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." 42 And many believed in Him there.

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.

Thankful for What Sets Us Apart

John 10:22-42

The Gospel of John, XXXII

INTRODUCTION

I. UNABLE TO BE SNATCHED ~ 10:22-30

A. The Setting ~ vs. 22-23

B. The Challenge ~ v. 24

C. Jesus' Response ~ v. 25-26

D. Jesus' Effectual Call ~ v. 27

E. Jesus Grants Eternal Life ~ v. 28-30

For Further Study and Encouragement: Psalm 103:14; Ezekiel 11:19; Matthew 25:31-32, 46; Luke 7:22-23; John 8:47; 20:31; II Timothy 2:19 [cf. Galatians 4:9; I Corinthians 8:3; Psalm 1:6; 37:18; Exodus 33:12, 17; Amos 3:2]; I John 1:9

Additional Further Study and Encouragement: Several Scriptures of Jesus' Hands of Blessing include: Psalm 22:16; Isaiah 53:5; Zechariah 13:6; Matthew 8:3, 15; 9:13-15; ; Luke 7:11-18; 24:50-51; John 9:6-7; 14:2-3; 20:25, 28

II. COMING TO TERMS WITH JESUS ~ 10:31-42

A. Jesus' Gentle Persuasion ~ vs. 31-32

B. Patient Instruction ~ vs. 33-36

C. Persistent, Compassionate Pursuit ~ vs. 37-38

For Further Study and Encouragement: Ecclesiastes 3:1; Isaiah 42:3; [Jesus IS God cf. John 1:1, 14, 34; 5:19; 8:58; 10:18; 12:41; 20:28]

CONCLUSION: THE EPILOGUE ~ 10:40-42

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 263

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee. [Refrain]

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before Thy throne. [Refrain]

† The Benediction of God's Grace and The Congregation's AMEN

Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):

The musical notation is for a threefold Amen. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first two 'A - men' are separated by a comma, and the third 'A - men' is separated by a period. The melody for each 'A - men' is a simple, rhythmic phrase. The first 'A - men' is on a whole note, the second is on a half note, and the third is on a quarter note. The bass line provides a simple accompaniment with whole and half notes.

The Postlude

Concertato on A Mighty Fortress

Vaclav Nelhybel

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A - men, A - men, A - men.



The Sanctuary Flowers

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

Rebecca Satterwhite Canerday

**WITH GRATITUDE FOR HER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF MINISTRY
FROM GRATEFUL FRIENDS.**