



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

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*If our sins weigh heavier in our mind than our potential for grace  
and effective service to God and others, we must be taking the devil's perspective.  
God wants us to be realistic about ourselves. But genuine realism does not lead to caving in  
under a sense of worthlessness. That is not realism; it is believing the devil's lie.  
Yes, realism leads us to a sense of weakness. But it also leads us to Paul's assertion:  
"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me."*

– RICHARD LOVELACE



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

*God My King, Thy Might Confessing*

David Johnson

*And being found in human form, He humbled Himself  
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name,  
so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:8-11

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

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Gordon Young

Rejoice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ever more:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-2

Mr. Howell

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

† The Hymn No. 77

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

**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.**

**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.**

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 – Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

The Corporate Prayer of Confession – Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

**Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For Your Name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

The Pastoral Prayer

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r; raise Thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

*My Eternal King*

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;  
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?  
Not for hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;  
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;  
But as Thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!  
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;  
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

The Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The New Testament Lesson

John 12:12-15, 20-28, 36-39, 44-46

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked Him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. 27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your Name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, He departed and hid Himself from them. 37 Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in Him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, 44 And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him Who sent Me. 45 And whoever sees Me sees Him who sent Me. 46 I have come into the world as Light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

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.*



**ADMIRING THE LOVING STEADFASTNESS  
AND TENDER TENACITY OF OUR KING**

*It Is Not Always Easy, But It Will Be Glorious!*

John 12:12-50

The Gospel of John, XXXV

**OPENING COMMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD ~ 12:12-19**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Psalm 2, 110, 118:25; Zechariah 9:9;  
Matthew 21:9, 15, 26:6-13; John 16:13-15; I Corinthians 15:25; Revelation 12:5*

**II. SIR, WE WOULD SEE JESUS ~ 12:20-26**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Matthew 7:14, 10:37-39; Mark 16:24-26;  
Luke 9:23-26, 17:32-33; John 10:11, 15; Galatians 2:20*

**III. NOW MY SOUL IS TROUBLED ~ 12:27-36A**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Psalm 139:23-24; John 16:11; II Corinthians 5:21;  
Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 2:15, 3:3; Hebrews 2:11; Revelation 12:11*

**IV. TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED ~ 12:36b-43**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Proverbs 29:25; Isaiah 6:9-10, 53:1; Luke 19:10;  
John 20:21; Romans 1:18-20, 25; Hebrews 10:26, 29, 30, 31*

**V. I HAVE COME INTO THE WORLD AS LIGHT ~ 12:44-50**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Isaiah 55; Matthew 5:14, 18; John 1:14, 8:12, 9:5*

**CONCLUSION**

The Closing Prayer



## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 389

*This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*

ARLINGTON

This is the day the Lord has made; he calls the hours his own;  
let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.

Today he rose and left the dead, and Satan's empire fell;  
today the saints his triumphs spread, and all his wonders tell.

Hosanna to th'anointed King, to David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from the throne.

Blest be the Lord, who comes to men with messages of grace;  
who comes in God his Father's name to save our sinful race.

Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise!  
The highest heav'ns in which he reigns shall give him nobler praise.

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

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit, descend and rest in your hearts until the day breaks  
and all these shadows flee away.

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):



The Postlude

*Chorale-Improvisation on 'Nun Danket All Gott'*  
(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sigfried Karg-Elert



## *Christmas at Trinity* **ADVENT SERVICES**

### **VIRTUAL THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE**

*This season of Thanksgiving, join us for a virtual service with hymns, special music, and a devotion led by Claude McRoberts. The service will be available beginning Wednesday, November 24, at [trinitypca.org/thanksgiving](http://trinitypca.org/thanksgiving).*

### **NOVEMBER 28 at 6:00 PM WINTER GRACE COMMUNION SERVICE**

*A communion service with readings, prayers, and music focused on comfort, healing, and hope. Homily by Michael Howell.*

### **DECEMBER 5 at 6:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND PAGEANT**

*The Cherub, Seraphim, and Covenant Choirs will lead a service of joyful Christmas music, telling the timeless story of Christ's nativity, including a narration and reenactment of the Christmas story by the Cherub Choir. Children's sermon by Claude McRoberts.*

### **DECEMBER 12 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM 26th ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

*A beloved Trinity Christmas tradition featuring the Chancel Choir with harp, string orchestra, and organ, in a program of Christmas music old and new. A twenty-minute harp and orchestra prelude will precede each service. Homily by Claude McRoberts.*

### **DECEMBER 19 at 6:00 PM THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS**

*The Montgomery Christian Youth Choir will present a service of music, scripture, and poetry, followed by caroling around the city for all who wish to participate. Homily by Kurt Cooper.*

### **DECEMBER 24 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION**

*A service of quiet wonder, with Holy Communion and special music, will prepare our hearts to receive the newborn King. Homily by Claude McRoberts.*