



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

DECEMBER 26, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Angels in Heaven tell the story Christ came to earth in God's glory.
Lowly shepherds gathered all around following the star to Bethlehem town.
They worshiped the Child where He lay in a humble cradle made of hay.
May we who hear of their story sing of the Christ Child's glory.
Keep Him forever in our heart and never from His love depart.*

– SARA FRANCES SANSOM, 1918-2008



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

The Prelude

See Amid the Winter's Snow

George Archer

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord..."

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

Luke 2:10-11; 14

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

The Striking of the Hour

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare Him room,
 and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
 and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
 far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
 the glories of His righteousness
 and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
 and wonders, wonders of His love.

Minister: He came as a baby in a manger.

People: O come, let us adore Him.

Minister: He came in a lowly stable.

People: O come, let us adore Him.

Minister: Shepherds brought their worship.

People: O come, let us adore Him.

Minister: Angels sang His praise.

People: O come, let us adore Him.

Minister: Magi brought their gifts.

People: O come, let us adore Him.

Minister: What shall we do?

People: O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

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 Prayer – Psalm 19:14 Psalm 19:1, 14

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking Your forgiveness. We seek Your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg Your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience Your grace, then act defeated. We rely on Your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, Who is the Way of hope, the Truth of God, and the Life of love, now and always. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Child of God, can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

The Pastoral Prayer

† The Hymn No. 199

See Amid the Winter's Snow

SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

This hymn is also known as "Hymn for Christmas Day."

(stanza 1: Choir Only; stanzas 2, 5, 6, : **ALL**)

CHOIR ONLY: See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

*Refrain: Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

ALL: Lo, within a manger lies He Who built the starry skies:
He Who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. [*Refrain*]

Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! [*Refrain*]

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble Thee, in Thy sweet humility. [*Refrain*]

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

Wonderful Peace

Gustaf Nordqvist

Peace, peace, wonderful peace, peace to the world is given.
Hushed are the angels, so still is the night; then in the East shone a heavenly light.
Join in the chorus, His praises sing! Glory to God, to the newly born King.
Peace, peace, wonderful peace, peace to the world is given.

Peace, peace, bearer of peace, men of good will receive Him.
Holiest of nights, O most wondrous of days; Shepherds and kings lift their voices in praise.
Join in the chorus, His praises sing! Glory to God, to the newly born King.
Peace, peace, wonderful peace, peace to the world is given.

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:5

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed the heir of all things, through Whom also He created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

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

THE GLORY OF GOD REVEALED IN CHRIST

Mr. McRoberts

Coming Full Circle This Christmas Season

Isaiah 40:5; Hebrews 1:1-3

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A sermon outline can be found on page 10.

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD’S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 218

Angels From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth;

*Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: *[Refrain]*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star: *[Refrain]*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear: *[Refrain]*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One: *[Refrain]*

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

Minister: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Go now into the world, carrying Christmas with you into everyday life. Open now the inn within you and make room for that Gift of gifts, even our Lord Jesus Christ. God help you to live now in the power of His Son’s Holy Spirit and to the praise of the Triune God.

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):

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

The Postlude

Puer Natus Est (Christ is Born)

Everett Titcomb

THE GLORY OF GOD REVEALED IN CHRIST

Coming Full Circle This Christmas Season

Isaiah 40:5; Hebrews 1:3

OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT IS MEANT BY "THE GLORY OF GOD?"

II. WHO IS THE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S GLORY?

III. WHERE IS THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY?

IV. WHEN WILL THE "GREAT GLORY" APPEAR?

CONCLUSION

*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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