

# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JANUARY 9, 2022

# MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*For feelings come and feelings go, and feelings are deceiving.  
My warrant is the Word of God; nothing else is worth believing.*

– MARTIN LUTHER



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude

*Andante from Sonata VI*

Felix Mendelssohn

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.*

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

The Striking of the Hour

The Call to Worship

Psalms 115:1

Mr. Howell

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your Name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!

To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

† 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 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

## SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Personal Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of God’s Pardon – Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

## HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Anthem

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

arr. Wyrzten

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name, O Savior of mankind.

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show –  
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but His loved ones know.

The Prayer of Illumination

## † The Reading of God's Word

### The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 115:9-18

O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. 11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. 12 The Lord has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; 13 He will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great. 14 May the Lord give you increase, you and your children! 15 May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth! 16 The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth He has given to the children of man. 17 The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence. 18 But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

### The New Testament Lesson

Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?" 35 "Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?" 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

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

#### **FROM HIM, THROUGH HIM, AND TO HIM**

Mr. McRoberts

*The Glory of God in the Grace of God*

Romans 11:33-36 + Selected Passages

Why Trinity, I

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*Sermon outline on pages 9-10.*

# COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

## The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

*Participation requires your reverence and attention, discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper, meditation on Christ's suffering and death, self-judgment, sorrow for sin, desire for Christ, feeding on Him in faith, trusting in Him, rejoicing in His love, giving thanks for His grace, renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ, and your special love to all Christians.*

## The Words of Institution

† The Hymn No. 252

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

† The Confession of Our Faith

**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 Humble Access

The Serving of the Meal

*Agnus Dei*

Zoltan Kodaly

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

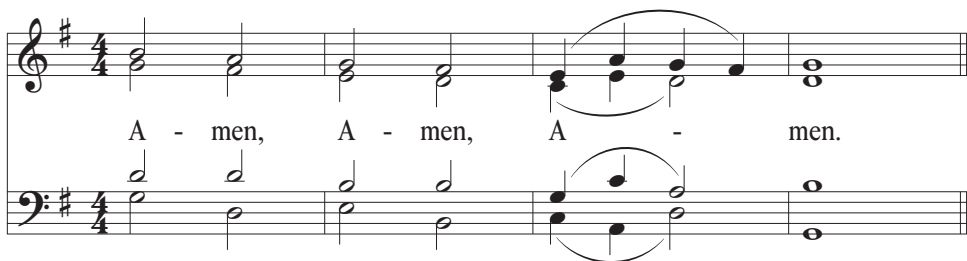
† The Hymn

*The Power of the Cross*

(see page 8)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):



The Postlude

*Cortege (Procession)*

Louis Vierne  
Transcribed by Marcel Dupre



*The Sanctuary Flowers*

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

*John Ewell Green*

BY HIS DAUGHTERS

# The Power of the Cross (melody only)



Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the  
 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the  
 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its  
 Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en,  
 awe - some weight of \_\_\_\_ sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil  
 Mak - er bows His \_\_\_\_ head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to  
 suf - f'ring I am \_\_\_\_ free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to



then nailed to a cross of \_\_\_\_ wood. \_\_\_\_  
 deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. \_\_\_\_  
 life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry \_\_\_\_ cry. \_\_\_\_  
 live, won through Your self - less \_\_\_\_ love. \_\_\_\_

## Refrain



1-3. This, the pow'r \_\_\_\_ of the cross: \_\_\_\_ Christ be - came \_\_\_\_ sin for  
 4. This, the pow'r \_\_\_\_ of the cross: \_\_\_\_ Son of God \_\_\_\_ slain for



us; \_\_\_\_ took the blame, \_\_\_\_ bore the wrath. We stand for-giv-en at the cross.  
 us. \_\_\_\_ What a love, \_\_\_\_ what a cost. We stand for-giv-en at the cross.



## FROM HIM, THROUGH HIM, AND TO HIM

*The Glory of God in the Grace of God*

Romans 11:33-36 + Selected Passages

Why Trinity, I

### INTRODUCTION

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| 1. Why Trinity Preaches the Word     | 7. Why Trinity Displays Humility        |
| 2. Why Trinity Prays                 | 8. Why Trinity Has a Biblical Worldview |
| 3. Why Trinity Values the Sacraments | 9. Why Trinity Breathes Stewardship     |
| 4. Why Trinity Fellowships           | 10. Why Trinity Evangelizes             |
| 5. Why Trinity Does Missions         | 11. Why Trinity Serves                  |
| 6. Why Trinity Sees Spiritual Growth | 12. Why Trinity Survives Adversity      |

### I. DEFINING "MEANS OF GRACE"

#### A. Textbook Definitions

- 1. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption? The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation. ~ WSC #88*
- 2. A biblical pursuit of godliness out of gratitude for His grace in saving me.*
- 3. Means by which I become more like Jesus.*
- 4. Practices found in Scripture that promote spiritual growth.*
- 5. Habits of devotion.*
- 6. Experiential Christianity.*
- 7. Some are done in private (alone) while others are done in public (with others).*
- 8. Means of Grace are not so much DOING as BEING.*
- 9. Ordinary streams of divine blessing flow out with unusual power.*
- 10. Benefits of the gospel poured out on us in an impactful way.*

## **B. Practical Results**

- 1. God's way of providing you with peace, comfort, thanksgiving and joy because that is what sovereign grace does*
- 2. God's way of growing the Church*
- 3. God's means of a true awakening*

## **II. A MEANS OF GRACE-BASED CHURCH**

### **A. Man's Means**

- 1. To look as much like the world as possible*
- 2. To replace the Bible with popular opinion*
- 3. To dismiss vital doctrine*

### **B. God's Means**

- 1. The Word of God; Preaching the Gospel*
- 2. Prayer*
- 3. The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; Worship*
- 4. Fellowship with Other Believers*

## **III. MEANS OF GRACE AND THE GLORY OF GOD**

## **CONCLUSION**