



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MARCH 6, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*No one can long worship God in spirit and in truth
before the obligation to holy service become too strong to resist.*

— A. W. TOZER

*Ministering hearts are disciplined to labor, for they regularly move beyond their comfort zones,
they put themselves in vulnerable spots, they make commitments which cost,
they get tired for Christ's sake, they pay the price, they encounter rough seas.
But their sails billow full of God's Spirit.*

— KENT HUGHES



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

The Prelude *Chorale-Prelude on 'If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee'*

J. S. Bach

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him though all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days;
who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.*

(Translated from German by Catherine Winkworth)

Masks are requested in Trinity Hall; masks are mandatory in the Westminster Room.

The Striking of the Hour

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy, holy, everywhere adored.
Holy is the Father, holy is the Son, Holy is the Spirit; blessed Three-in-One.

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 100:2; 1 Samuel 12:24

Mr. Cooper

Minister: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

ALL: Only fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you.

† The Hymn

*Come, Thou Almighty King**(see page 9)*

† The Confession of Our Faith

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.**

**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 6:6-8

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

The Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

We enter Your presence, worshiping You with godly fear, awed by Your majesty, greatness, glory, but encouraged by Your love. We are all poverty as well as all guilt, having nothing of our own with which to repay You, but we bring Jesus to You in the arms of faith, pleading His righteousness to offset our iniquities, rejoicing that He will weigh down the scales for us, and satisfy Your justice. We bless You that great sin draws out great grace, that, although the lest sin deserves infinite punishment because done against an infinite God, yet there is mercy for us, for where guilt is most terrible, there Your mercy in Christ is most free and deep. Bless us by revealing to us more of His saving merits, by causing Your goodness to pass before us, by speaking peace to our contrite hearts; Strengthen us to give You no rest until Christ shall reign supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed.

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Child of God, Adopted and Beloved: hear the good news that the Son has set you free, and you are free indeed. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

The Pastoral Prayer

✠ The Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above

(see page 10)

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Anthem

God So Loved the World

Stainer

text: John 3:16-17

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved.

✠ The Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Portions of II Samuel 7

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." 3 And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." 4 But that same night the Word of the Lord came to Nathan, 5 "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build Me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for My dwelling. 7 In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?"' 8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over My people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as

formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over My people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to Me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but My steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before Me. Your throne shall be established forever.” 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. 18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that You have brought me thus far? 19 And yet this was a small thing in Your eyes, O Lord God. You have spoken also of Your servant’s house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord God! 20 And what more can David say to You? For You know Your servant, O Lord God! 21 Because of Your promise, and according to Your own heart, You have brought about all this greatness, to make Your servant know it. 22 Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, and there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be His people, making Himself a Name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before Your people, whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? 24 And You established for Yourself Your people Israel to be Your people forever. And You, O Lord, became their God. 25 And now, O Lord God, confirm forever the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, and do as You have spoken. 26 And Your Name will be magnified forever, saying, ‘The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,’ and the house of Your servant David will be established before You. 27 For You, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to Your servant, saying, ‘I will build You a house.’ Therefore Your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to You. 28 And now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this good thing to Your servant. 29 Now therefore may it please You to bless the house of Your servant, so that it may continue forever before You. For You, O Lord God, have spoken, and with Your blessing shall the house of Your servant be blessed forever.”

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

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.

They may be picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-212 (Kindergarten) after the service.

The Sermon

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Mr. McRoberts

The Joy of Helping Others

Galatians 5:13

Why Trinity, VI

OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

THE CONTEXT – FREEDOM!

A. I am Called to Freedom – 5:13a

B. Freedom Calls Me to Serve – 5:13b-15

I. EXPECTED TO SERVE – Galatians 5:13c

II. MOTIVATED TO SERVE

A. Obedience ~ Deuteronomy 13:4

B. Gratitude ~ I Samuel 12:24

C. Gladness ~ Psalm 100:2

D. Forgiveness, Not Guilt ~ Isaiah 6:6-8

E. Humility ~ John 13:12-16

F. Love ~ Galatians 5:13

III. GIFTED TO SERVE – I Corinthians 12:4, 11; I Peter 4:10

IV. ABLE TO SERVE – John 4:34; Colossians 1:29; I Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 6:10

CONCLUSION

*For Further Study and Encouragement: II Samuel 7:18; I Chronicles 16:16;
Psalm 103:1-5; Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; John 8:36, 10:18, 15:13; I Corinthians 4:7;
Philippians 2:3; Hebrews 12:2; I Peter 5:2-3*

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn

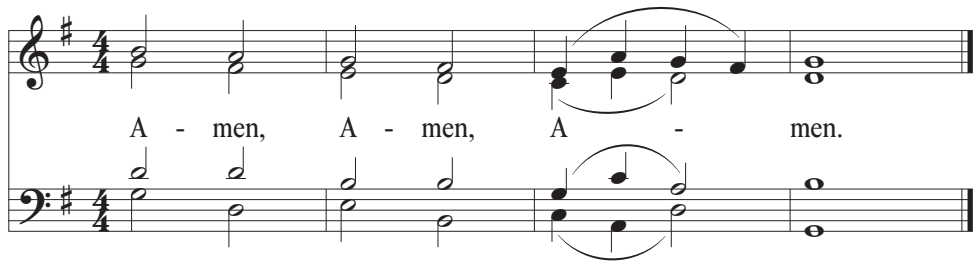
May the Mind of Christ My Savior

(see page 11)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):



The Postlude

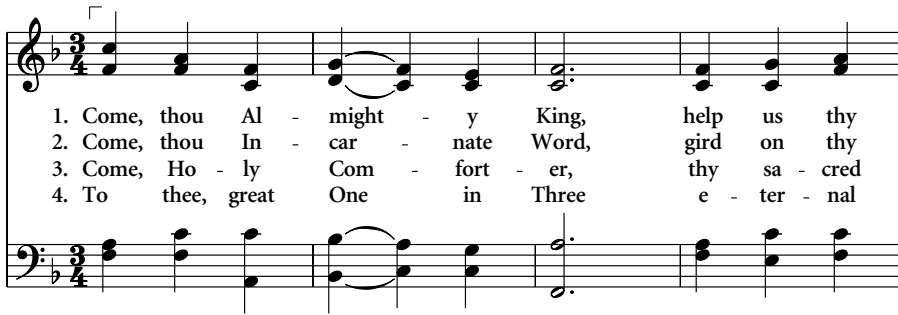
Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

J. S. Bach

*I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

John 16:33

Come, Thou Almighty King



1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4. To thee, great One in Three e - ter - nal



name to sing, help us to praise.
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more.



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy Word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

WORDS: Anon., ca. 1757
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN
 6.6.4.6.6.6.4
 2 Corinthians 13:14

Before The Throne Of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me
 3. Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect



strong and per - fect plea. A great high Priest whose Name is
 of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and see Him
 spot - less right - eous - ness, The great un - change - a - ble I



Love Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there Who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, The King of glo - ry and of grace, One with Him -



grav - en on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His
 sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can
 free. For God the just is sat - is - fied To look on
 blood, My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my



bid me thence de - part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 Him and par - don me. To look on Him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God! With Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

May the Mind of Christ My Savior



1. May the mind of Christ my Sav-ior live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich-ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa-ther rule my life in ev-'ry-thing,
4. May the love of Je-sus fill me as the wa-ters fill the sea;
5. May his beau-ty rest up-on me as I seek the lost to win,



by his love and pow'r con-trol-ling all I do and say.
so that all may see I tri-umph on-ly through his pow'r.
that I may be calm to com-fort sick and sor-row-ing.
him ex-alt-ing, self a-bas-ing, this is vic-to-ry.
and may they for-get the chan-nel, see-ing on-ly him.

WORDS: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925
MUSIC: A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925; alt.

ST. LEONARDS
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Philippians 2:5