

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Worship . . . is not part of the Christian life; it IS the Christian life.

— GERALD VANN

Our whole life . . . should be so angled towards God that whatever strikes upon us, whether sorrow or joy, should be deflected upwards at once into His presence.

— ALEC MOTYER



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Chorale-Prelude on 'What God Ordains is Always Right'

Johann Pachelbel

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:3

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise *Man of Sorrows! What a Name* HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

Choir only

Man of Sorrows! What a Name
for the Son of God, Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Choir and Congregation

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

† The Call to Worship Mr. Howell

He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as Head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.

† The Hymn *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* (see page 6)

† 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.**

✠ 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 Reading of Psalm 27

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. 5 For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 8 You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." 9 Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You Who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. 11 Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. 12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. 13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

The Prayer of Confession (sung by all)

**Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

The Prayer of Confession and Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

The Congregational Response (sung by all)

**Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in Heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

*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-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Offertory Anthem

Is He Worthy?

arr. Dan Forrest

Mollye Gunnells, Thomas Govan, *soloists*

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the Light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.

Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the Light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah Who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root, and the Lamb Who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is! Worthy is the Lamb!

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. 2 Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

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 Sermon

IN THE GARDEN

Mr. McRoberts

The Power and Compassion of a Willing Captive

John 18:1-11

John: The Gospel of Belief, LV

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A sermon outline can be found on page 9.

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

(see pages 7-8)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

The Threefold Amen (***sung by all***)

The Postlude

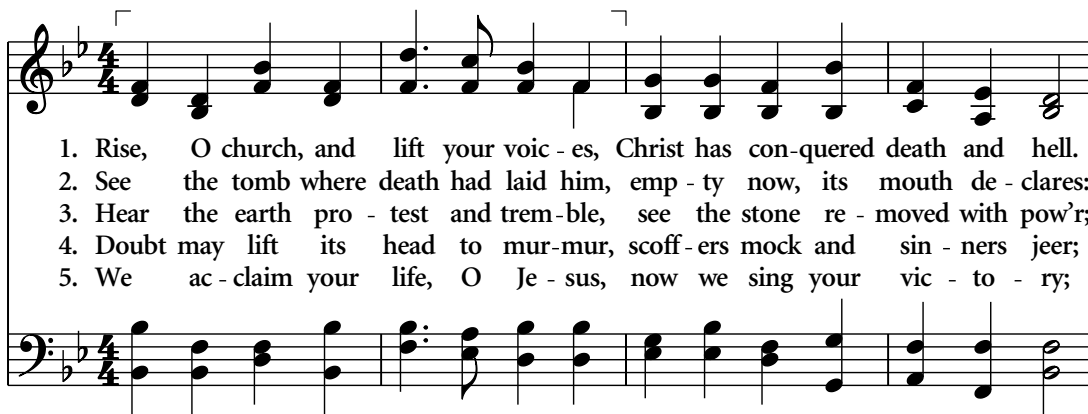
Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

J. S. Bach

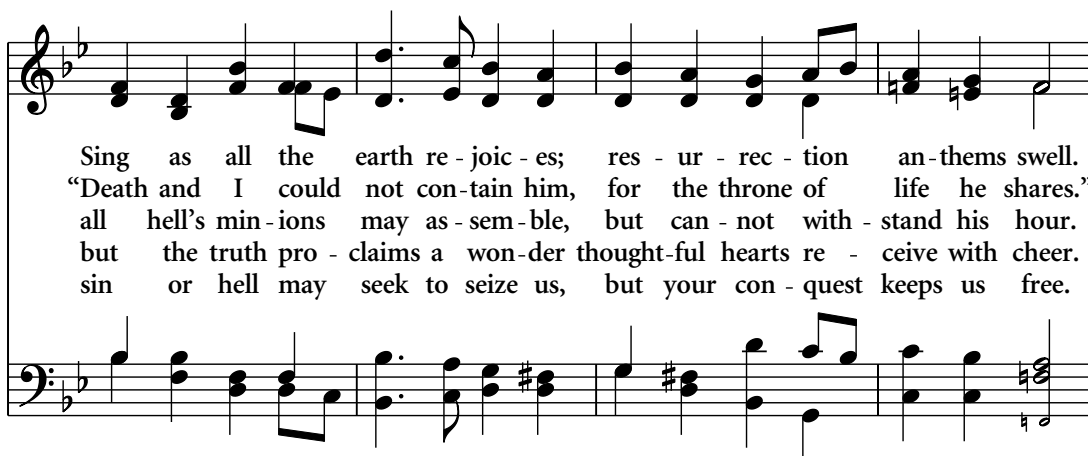
Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.

Job 13:15a

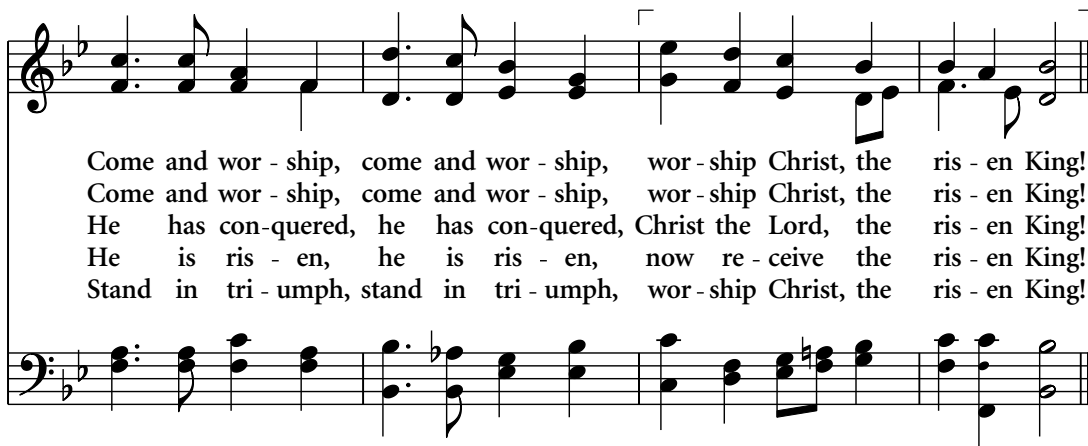
Worship Christ, the Risen King!



1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;



Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 but the truth proclaims a wonder, thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

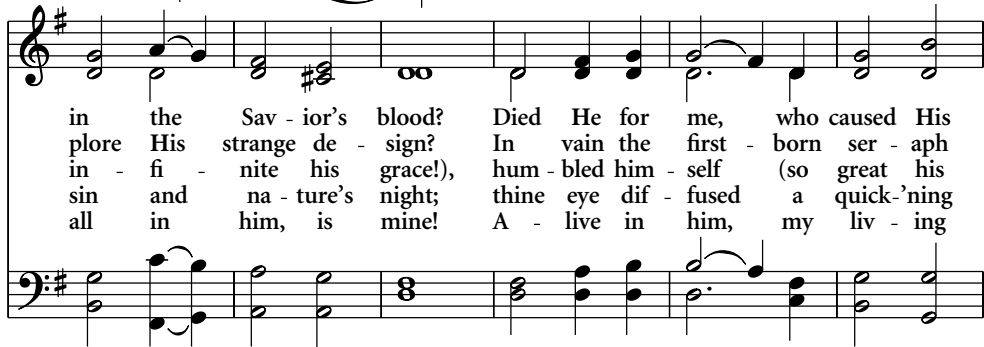


Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

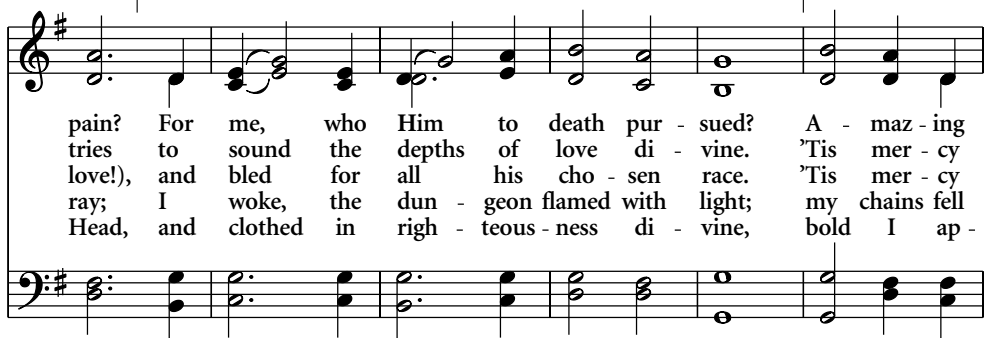
And Can It Be That I Should Gain



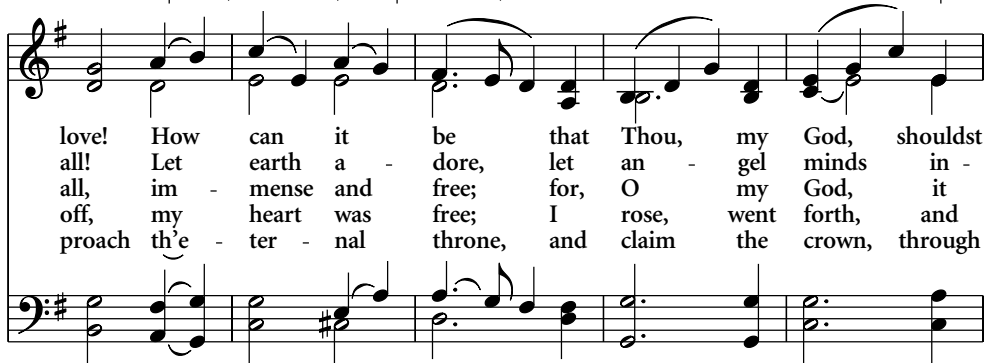
1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con-dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His
 plore His strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick-'ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



pain? For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy
 love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap -



love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst
 all! Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
 all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Refrain

die for me?
quire no more.
found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it
fol - lowed Thee. A - maz - ing love! How
Christ, my own.

be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
can it be that Thou, my God,

IN THE GARDEN

The Power and Compassion of a Willing Captive

John 18:1-11

John: The Gospel of Belief, LV

INTRODUCTION

I. THE MASTER OF EVENTS ~ 18:1-6

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Judges 13:20; Daniel 8:18; John 10:17-18;
Acts 22:7; Revelation 1:17*

II. THE MASTER OF COMPASSION ~ 18:7-9

For Further Study and Encouragement: Isaiah 53

III. THE MASTER OF OBEDIENCE ~ 18:10-11

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Matthew 28:18; Acts 2:33, 36;
II Corinthians 10:4-5; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 2:15*

CONCLUSION

*Jesus resolved to drink to the dregs the cup of wrath without mercy
that we might drink the cup of mercy without wrath.*

– RICHARD CECIL

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

The Prelude

A series on the Elements of Worship

by Dr. Mark Nabholz

Perhaps the most easily overlooked element of our Worship Service is the organ or piano prelude. After all, the service hasn't really gotten underway yet and the very name suggests that it's not really a part of the service to come, but more like the preface to something important. Besides, if we don't say "hello" to each other during the prelude, we might not have a chance to do so after the benediction, right?

But wait! While the prelude is less important than the reading of Scripture, the singing of hymns, and the preaching of the Word, it serves an important purpose in our preparation for worship. Habakkuk 2:20 says, "The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth be silent before Him." When does that silence descend on God's gathered people? During the prelude. Those brief moments before the service begins help us to "come into His presence with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise" (Psalm 100).

If you're used to entering the sanctuary when the meeting between God and His people is already well underway, make it a point to be in your seat a few moments before worship begins next Sunday. During the prelude, ask the Lord to inhabit your praises, to empower the preaching, to enrich the singing, and to send His compelling Word out into our community through the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Then see if He will not "open for you the windows of Heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10). *Amen.*

You can find more articles in this series in upcoming issues of The Columns.

*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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