



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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MORNING WORSHIP

A faith without some doubts is like a human body without any antibodies in it. People who blithely go through life too busy or indifferent to ask hard questions about why they believe as they do will find themselves defenseless against either the experience of tragedy or the probing questions of a smart skeptic. A person's faith can collapse almost overnight if she has failed over the years to listen patiently to her own doubts, which should only be discarded after long reflection.

— TIM KELLER



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation 9:55 a.m.

The Prelude *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (Contrapunctus II)* J. S. Bach
Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me arr. K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.*

— Thomas T. Lynch (1818-71)

Samford String Quartet: Jeffrey Flaniken, Caroline Nordlund, *violins*
Angela Flaniken, *viola*; Samuel Nordlund, *cello*

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Seraphim and Covenant Choirs

arr. Randolph Currie

Brethren, we have met to worship, and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray and Holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners, who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Saviour. Tell them that He may be found!
Sisters, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, 'till our God makes all things new:
Then He'll call us home to heaven; at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us, with sweet manna all around.

† The Call to Worship

Revelation 15:3-4

Mr. Howell

Minister: Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

People: Just and true are Your ways, King of the nations.

Minister: Who will not fear You, Lord, and bring glory to Your Name?

People: For You alone are holy and all nations will come and worship before You.

† The Hymn

How Great Thou Art

(see pages 7-8)

† 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 Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful Savior, we desire to have a heart like Yours. Please forgive our disobedience and help our unbelief. We desire to communicate Your gospel in word and deed. Please forgive our careless words and poor choices. We desire to be submissive to Your will. Please forgive us of our pride and help us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow You. We desire to put You first in all things. Please forgive us of our idolatry and help us to love You and others the way You have loved us.

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – I Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Offertory Anthem

O Holy Jesus

Jonathan Willcocks

O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, may I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

† The Reading of God's Word

John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name.

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 Preparation and Meditation 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-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

John 20:19-31

John: The Gospel of Belief, LXII

I. NOW YOU SEE ME: JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES (v. 19-23)

A. Peace

B. Breath

C. Forgiveness

II. SHOW AND TELL: JESUS & THOMAS (v. 24-29)

A. Who is Thomas?

B. Christ and Our Doubts

III. PURPOSE STATEMENT: WHY JOHN WRITES (v. 29-31)

**COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
AND HIS PEOPLE**

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Trinity Presbyterian Church is for all who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, do now repent, endeavor to live a holy life, and have publicly professed their faith through membership in an evangelical church. Children who have not publicly confessed Christ by being received by the Session into communicant church membership should refrain from the Sacrament and learn by reverent observation; this even though they may already have received Christ privately. Those without personal saving faith in Jesus Christ are to refrain from the Sacrament and are implored now to receive Him by faith and repentance.

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 Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

String Quartet in C Major, Op. 76, No. 3
II. Poco adagio, cantabile

F. J. Haydn

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn

He Will Hold Me Fast

(see page 10)

† The Benediction of God's Grace – Philippians 4:7

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

The Postlude

Divertimento on 'Monkland'

Heathcote Statham

Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord for He is kind: for His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure. All things living He doth feed; His full hand supplies their need:

For His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

- John Milton

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the *worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place with
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice, and
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that
5. Pit - y the na - tions, O our God, con -
6. We long to see your church - es full, that

Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -
strain the earth to come; send your vic - to - rious
all the cho - sen race may, with one voice and

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.
Word a - broad, and bring the strang - ers home.
heart and soul, sing your re - deem - ing grace.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words: Verses 1-2, Ada Habershon (1861-1918); Verse 3, Matt Merker

Music: Matt Merker

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been
would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold
ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,
Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me
Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at
fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
last!
For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

*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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