



# NEW YEAR'S DAY

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*While all our hearts and all our minds join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cries with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"  
Why was I made to hear Your voice, and enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?  
'Twas the same love that spread the feast, that sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.*

— ISAAC WATTS



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

The Prelude

*Prelude on 'See Amid the Winter's Snow'*

George Archer

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who,  
though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*

Philippians 2:5-7

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1; 18:1-2, 46

Mr. Howell

Minister: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: I love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer, my God, my Rock, in Whom I take refuge, my Shield, and the horn of my salvation, my Stronghold.**

Minister: The Lord lives, and blessed be my Rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

† The Hymn

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

(see page 8)

† 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 Call to Confession – Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

### The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being; Whose face is hidden from us by our sins; and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us, we beseech You, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.**

### The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

### The Assurance of God's Pardon – Psalm 103:10-14

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

### The Pastoral Prayer

† The Hymn                                      *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*                                      (see page 9)

### The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

*How brightly shines the morning star, with God's full grace and truth afar,  
sweet Jesse's offspring royal. O David's son of Jacob's line, Thou art my king and spouse divine,  
Thou hast my heart true loyal. Lovely, kindly, fair and glorious, great and righteous,  
rich in wonder, high and most sublime in splendour.*  
- translated from the German

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun, 5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. 13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” and he said to Him, “Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” 19 (This He said to show by what kind of death He was to glorify God.) And after saying this He said to him, “Follow Me.” 20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against Him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray You?” 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” 22 Jesus said to him, “If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!” 23 So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?” 24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. 25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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 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.*

*Following Jesus means a Crown; but before the crown, the Cross.*

John 21:15-25

John: The Gospel of Belief, LXIV

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. SHEPHERD MY SHEEP ~ 21:15-17**

**A. The Question of Love**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Matthew 26:33; John 13:37 [cf. Mark 14:29; John 15:12-13]*

**B. The Expectations of Discipleship**

1. Own your sin ~ Psalm 103:10-14; I Timothy 3:13-15; I Corinthians 15:9; Ephesians 3:7
2. Pledge loyalty to Jesus ~ Matthew 10:37-39
3. Express undying love for Jesus ~ Luke 7:37-38
4. Welcome Jesus' love ~ John 15:13-14 (ESV)
5. Shepherd the sheep ~ Acts 2:42-47; I Peter 5:1-4

*a) Feed My Sheep*

*b) Tend My Lambs*

**II. COUNT THE COST ~ 21:18-23**

**A. No Matter What ~ vs. 18-19**

1. I'll take up the cross daily ~ Luke 9:23
2. I'll deny myself ~ Matthew 19:21

3. I'll listen to the voice of my Shepherd ~ John 10:27

4. I'll gladly serve Jesus ~ John 12:26

5. I'll suffer for Christ ~ I Peter 2:21

**B. No Matter Where ~ vs. 20-22**

**C. No Matter When ~ v. 23**

**III. BELIEVE THE TRUTH ~ 21:24-25**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33; 2 Peter 1:16*

**CONCLUSION**

*For Further Study and Encouragement: Psalm 13:5-6, 16:6; 116:7, 130:3; Matthew 4:18-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-25; Luke 5:8, 19:1-10; John 1:16; Romans 8:1; Hebrews 7:25*

The Closing Prayer

**FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT**

† The Hymn *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* (see page 10)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

The Postlude

*Variations on HYFRYDOL*

Christopher Hoyt

*And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:20b

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
O be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

# 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.

# Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er of my soul;  
2. Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in Him;  
3. Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
4. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, More than all in Him I find,

Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
Tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my Strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, He, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.  
He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He is mine.

*Refrain*

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank You that no matter how miserably I have let You down, You are always there to pick me up. No matter how many times I have failed You, You are always there to forgive me. No matter how far I have drifted, You are always there on the shore, waiting for me to return—waiting with a comforting fire, warm food, and an affirming arm to put around my shoulder.

I thank You, too, Lord, for how You arrange circumstances to restore me to a productive life of living for You. How You bring back the precious memories of a time when my love for You was so pure and intense. And how You gently recall to my mind the painful memories that need to be brought to the surface and healed.

I love You for so many reasons, Jesus. I love You for calling me to follow You. I love You for the honor You have bestowed on me to labor with You in building Your kingdom. I love You for teaching me so much. I love You for being so patient when I am so slow to learn. I love You for the great friend You are to me. I love You because You're on my side, in my corner, fighting for me, not against me. I love You for all that I am because of You. I love You because with Your tender hands You lift the crushed pile Satan leaves behind when he winnows, and you blow away the chaff.

Thank You for all the intimate moments we spend together. It thrills me to know that I have contributed, even in a small way, to Your divine pleasure. And that I can bring a smile to the face of God.

Thank You for the privilege of sitting at Your nail-scarred feet. Grant me the grace to never regard that privilege casually, nor to neglect it, but to come there humbly, and to come there often.

Help me to understand that only one thing is necessary in life: to sit at Your feet ... listening ... looking into Your eyes .... and adoring You.

It is in Your precious, most noble Name we pray, Amen.

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