



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MARCH 12, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

If Christ accepts you, you need not fear but that you will be safe, for He is a strong lion for your defense. And if you come, you need not fear that you will be accepted, for He is like a lamb to all that come to Him, and receives them with infinite grace and tenderness. It is true He has awful majesty; He is the great God, and is infinitely high above you; but there is this to encourage and embolden a poor sinner, that Christ is a man as well as God; He is a creature as well as the Creator; and He is the most humble and lowly in heart.

- FROM "THE EXCELLENCIES OF CHRIST," A SERMON OF JONATHAN EDWARDS



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Lament

Rhonda Larson

Robert Scott, *flute*

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

And He Who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:22-23, 26-27

The Striking of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Choral Introit

Fruit of the Spirit
Seraphim and Covenant Choirs

David Erb

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 34:1-3 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Mr. Cooper

I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt His Name together!

•† The Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

(*see page 7*)

† 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

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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 Call to Confession – Acts 4:11-12

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the Cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Psalm 130:3-4

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Announcements

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

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate

David H. Williams

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born;
On the cross Thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side;
Feed us with Thy body broken, now and in death's agony.

† The Reading of God's Word

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-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon

Dr. Pratt

The Closing Prayer

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.

† The Hymn of Preparation *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*

(see page 8)

**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 Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

A Lenten Prelude

Charles Callahan

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovingly be.*

*Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

Samuel Crossman

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (see page 9)

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

The Postlude *Wir Setzen uns mit Tränen Nieder* Bach, arr. Setchell
(In Tears of Grief, Dear Lord, we leave Thee)

*Our drooping minds refresh
with showers of heav'nly dew;
For hearts of stone give hearts of flesh,
renew us, Lord, renew.*
Christopher Wordsworth

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

The first system of music is in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, each corresponding to a different verse. The bass line begins with a bass clef and a key signature of three flats. The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes beamed together.

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

The second system of music continues the melody in G minor and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different verse. The music includes a variety of note values and rests, with some notes beamed together. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment to the vocal line.

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

The third system of music concludes the piece in G minor and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different verse. The music includes a variety of note values and rests, with some notes beamed together. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment to the vocal line.

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov-'reign die!
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree!
3. Well might the sun in dark-ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The music is a simple harmonic setting of the lyrics, with chords and single notes corresponding to the words.

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un-known! And love be - yond de - gree!
when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also features two staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, ending with a double bar line.

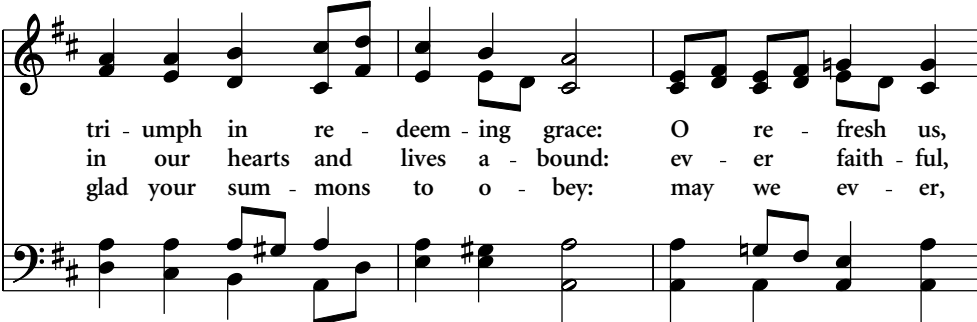
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1. Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3. So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
world a - way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey: may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

SERMON NOTES

*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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