



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 23, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Whatever else it embraces, true Christian experience must always include a genuine encounter with God. Without this, religion is but a shadow, a reflection of reality, a cheap copy of an original once enjoyed by someone else of whom we have heard. It cannot but be a major tragedy in the life of any man to live in a church from childhood to old age and know nothing more real than some synthetic god compounded of theology and logic, but having no eyes to see, no ears to hear, and no heart to love.

- A. W. TOZER (1897-1963) IN GOD'S PURSUIT OF MAN



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Hymn of Praise

Giuseppe Verdi

Jonathan Houghtling, Brandon Slocumb, Jason Sulliman, Matt Wood, *trombones*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

The Announcements

The Striking of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

• † The Ascription of Praise

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

† The Call to Worship – I Peter 1:3-4 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Mr. Cooper

According to God's great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in Heaven for us. In this rejoice and give thanks to Almighty God.**

• † The Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(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 Call to Confession – James 4:8

Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin Who knew no sin,
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Verse 1: Choir Only; Verse 2: **ALL**

(see page 7)

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

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Mary Clare Johnson, *violin*

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands.
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled, His voice I hear,
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.
Arise my soul, arise!

† The Reading of God's Word

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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 Sermon

**PATIENT WITH EACH OTHER
AS HE IS PATIENT WITH US**

Dr. Pratt

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* (see page 8)

The Benediction of God's Grace

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

The Postlude *Ricercar del duodecimo tuono* Andrea Gabrieli

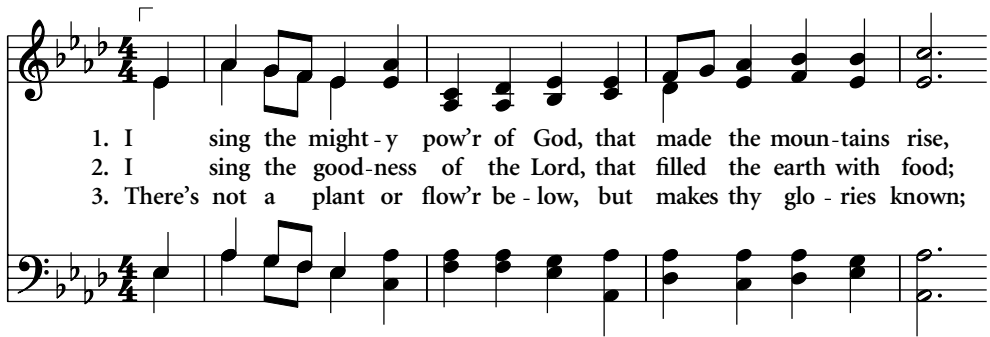
In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His Holy Name.
Psalm 33:21



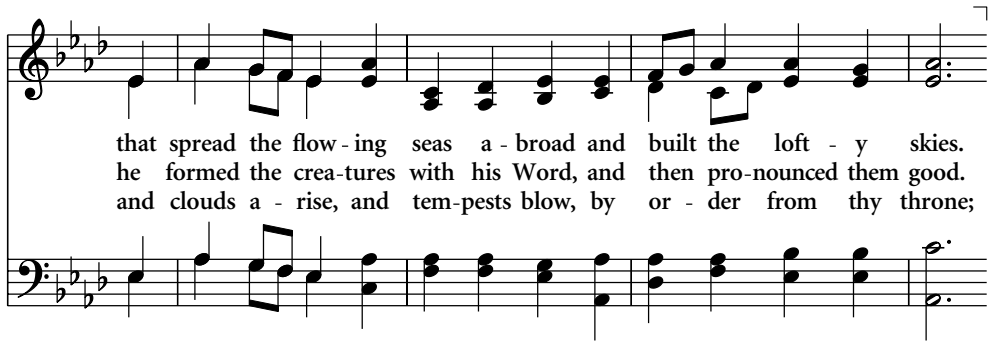
The Sanctuary Flowers

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF THE MARRIAGE OF
Marlee Ann Moore and Kenneth Sellers Jackson

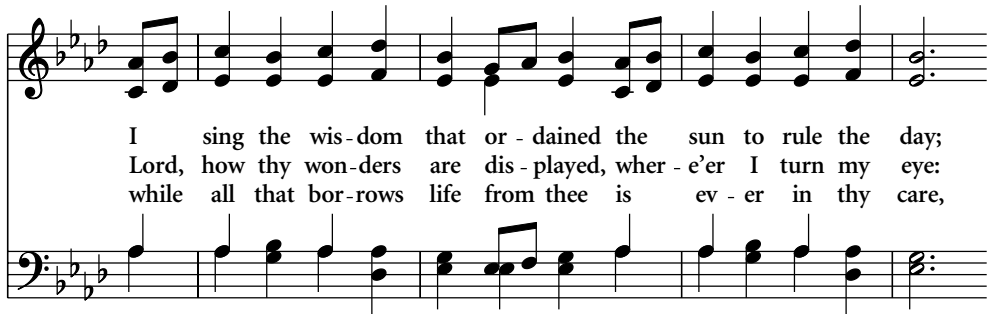
I Sing the Mighty Power of God



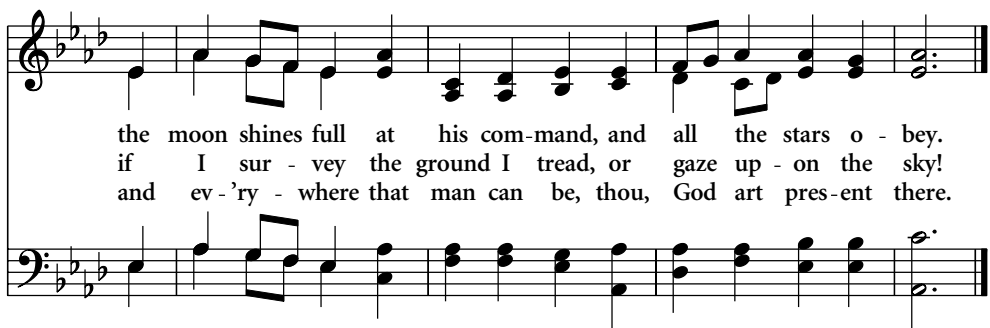
1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low, but makes thy glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye:
while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-'ry-where that man can be, thou, God art pres-ent there.

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Verse 1: Choir Only; Verse 2: ALL

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee in low - ly
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3. Teach me thy pa - tience! still with thee in clos - er,
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong;
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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.

The Session is pleased to introduce **J. WILLIAM (BILL) CLARK** as our Interim Minister. Bill has served as an interim in four churches and is joining our ministry team on an interim basis to help us through the transition to a new Senior Minister. Born in Montgomery and married at Trinity Presbyterian Church, he has a deep appreciation for this church, her people, and her tradition.



Bill is a graduate of Covenant Seminary. He has served as assistant minister in Fort Walton Beach, Florida; as minister of churches in Illinois and North Carolina; and as interim minister for churches in North Carolina, Connecticut, and Tennessee.

Bill and his wife, Cecelia Harden, celebrate their Fortieth Anniversary this year. They have three grown sons and four grandchildren.

Bill's role as Interim Minister is part of the transition plan adopted by the Session. The plan includes:

1. The retention of Flourish Coaching to help guide us through the transition process, including conducting a self-assessment, development of the church profile, development of the new minister profile, and assisting the Senior Minister Search Committee. Many of you have assisted Flourish in these tasks by responding to the congregational survey or participating in limited in-person interviews.
2. For the past few months, Dr. Richard Pratt has helped fill the pulpit on an interim basis. Richard's last sermon will be April 30. We are deeply grateful for his commitment to, and support of, Trinity Church.
3. Bill will begin his role as Interim the week of April 25, following final approval of Southeast Alabama Presbytery. His primary role will include leading our ministerial staff, preaching in conjunction with our other ministers, and helping to care for our congregation.

Please join us in welcoming Bill and Cecelia to Trinity.

SERMON NOTES



VISITORS

We are honored to have you as our guest today. Please complete the information on our Friendship Register (by scanning the QR code) so that we may respond properly to your visit.

*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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