



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MAY 28, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Holy Ghost, dispel our fears, and drive away all lingering fright,
Come, Thou source of sweetest gladness, breathe Thy life, and spread Thy light.*

*Loving Spirit, God of peace, Great distributor of grace,
Rest upon this congregation; hear, O hear our supplication.*

*From that height which knows no measure, as a gracious shower descend;
Bringing down the richest treasure man can wish, or God can send.*

*O Thou Glory, singing down from the Father and the Son,
Grant us Thine illumination; rest upon this congregation.*

PAUL GERHARDT, 1648



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude *In Heavenly Love Abiding* EWING
Mr. Ed Patterson, *guest organist*

*But you have come to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem... and to
Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant. Hebrews 12: 22, 24*

The Announcements Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Striking of the Hour

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Choral Introit

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

† The Call to Worship – Romans 8:16-17

Rev. Howell

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs —

**“heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
provided we suffer with Him
in order that we may also be glorified with Him.”**

Fellow heirs with Christ, come. Bow your hearts to the Father and worship Him.

•† The Hymn No. 638

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

† The Apostles' Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† 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 – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Hebrews 7:25

Rev. Howell

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted from the *Book of Common Worship, 1946*

**Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon You,
hear us as we come before You, humbly confessing our sins,
asking for Your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words,
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.
We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude,
our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings
toward You and our neighbor.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and in Your great goodness,
grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life,
through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn No. 96

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

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

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come down, O Love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling. Amen.

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word – Matthew 11:28-30; 12:17-21 Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*
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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 Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 546 *Before the Throne of God Above* BEFORE THE THRONE

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude *Psalm VIII* Benedetto Marcello

*I love You, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my rock, and my fortress,
and my deliverer. Psalm 18: 1-2*



The Sanctuary Flowers

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Stephanie Holt Harmon
1/25/1985 – 5/15/2005

Cathy Lowe
5/19/1928 – 5/13/1975

B. R. Lowe, Jr.
5/30/1924 – 5/17/2011

BY THEIR FAMILY

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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