



# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JULY 23, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable,  
because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.*

C. S. LEWIS IN *THE WEIGHT OF GLORY*



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation (9:55 a.m.)      Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Prelude      *Sonata No. 6, Finale*      Felix Mendelssohn

Q. *What is the fifth petition [of the Lord's Prayer]?*

A. *And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. That is: For the sake of Christ's blood, do not impute to us, wretched sinners; any of our transgressions, nor the evil which still clings to us, as we also find this evidence of Thy grace in us that we are fully determined wholeheartedly to forgive our neighbor.*

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question & Answer 126

The Announcements      Rev. Michael Howell, *Assistant Minister*

The Striking of the Hour

The Introit      *Since By Man Came Death (from Messiah)*      G. F. Handel

*Since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

1 Corinthians 15:21

† *Indicates the congregation standing*

• *Indicates seating for those detained*

† The Call to Worship – Micah 7:18-20 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Who is a God like You,

**pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of Your inheritance?**

You do not retain Your anger forever,

**because You delight in steadfast love.**

You will again have compassion on us;

**You will tread our iniquities underfoot.**

*ALL: You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*

**You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham,  
as You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.**

•† The Hymn No. 12      *Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!* (Te Deum)

PARK STREET

† 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 – Acts 3:19-20

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,  
that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

## The Silent Prayers of Confession

### The Assurance of God's Pardon – from Psalm 103

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 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.

### The Pastoral Prayer

• † The Hymn No. 538

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

GORDON

### 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 Offertory Solo

*Come to Jesus*

Chris Rice

Fred Johnson, *soloist*

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die,  
raise your head, for Love is passing by. Come to Jesus and live!  
Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,  
and precious blood has washed away the stain. So sing to Jesus and live!  
Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain,  
so if your sky is dark and pours like rain, then cry to Jesus and live!  
O, when the love spills over, and music fills the night,  
and when you can't contain your joy inside, then dance for Jesus and live!  
And with your final heartbeat kiss the world goodbye,  
then go in peace and laugh on glory's side. And fly to Jesus, and live!

### The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

Rev. Clark

*If you do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,  
please take one from the usher's table in the narthex as our gift.*

Exodus 34:1-9

pew Bible page 94

Matthew 18:21-35

pew Bible page 1047

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
VII. "Forgiven and Forgiving"

Rev. Clark

The Closing Prayer

## **FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT**

† The Hymn No. 413

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

HYFRYDOL

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

*Sonata No. 2, Finale*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,  
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and,  
if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other;  
as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

Colossians 3:12-13

## SERMON NOTES

### THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM, QUESTION 194

Q . What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition, (which is, Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,) acknowledging, that we and all others are *guilty* both of original and actual sin, and thereby become *debtors* to the justice of God; and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction for that debt: we pray for ourselves and others, that God of His free grace would, *through* the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, *apprehended and applied* by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in His Beloved; continue His favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.



*The Sanctuary Flowers*

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

*Clayborne Stanford Johnson*

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EMILY AND MATTHEW PILLSBURY, EILY, VIVI, MAISIE, AND BOONE,  
MAE MAE JOHNSON AND LULU JOHNSON.**

*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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