



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

AUGUST 13, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

JOHN 6:54-56 (ESV)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, *Interim Minister*

The Prelude

Organ Hymn

Raymond Haan

James K. Atkins, *guest organist*

The Announcements

The Striking of the Hour

The Introit

Speak, Lord, In the Stillness

QUIETUDE

Speak, Lord, in the stillness, while I wait on Thee;

Hushed my heart to listen, in expectancy.

For the words Thou speakest, they are life indeed;

Living bread from heaven, now my spirit feed.

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 103:1-3, 8-14 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits,

Who forgives all your iniquity,

Who heals all your diseases.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,

Nor will He keep His anger forever.

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.

ALL: For He knows our frame;

He remembers that we are dust.

•† The Hymn No. 322

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

† 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 – No. 648 in *The Hymnal*

GREATOREX

SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Call to Confession – Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of God’s Pardon – Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the One Who is high and lifted up, Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

The Pastoral Prayer

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA, arr. Scott

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
Thou spread’st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!
And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

The Prayer for Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Gibson, *Pulpit Guest*

John 19:23-27
Genesis 3:15

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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 Sermon

THE SEED OF THE GOSPEL

Rev. Dr. Gibson

The Closing Prayer

COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Participation in the Sacrament requires our reverence and attention, discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper, meditation on Christ's suffering and death, self-judgment, sorrow for sin, desire for Christ, feeding on Him in faith, trusting in Him, rejoicing in His love, giving thanks for His grace, renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ, and your love for fellow Christians.

† The Hymn No. 211

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

The Confession of Faith – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

The Nicene Creed

The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

Andante, from *Sonata No. 6*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
just as we must each receive Christ for our own salvation by faith.*

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 256

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

† The Benediction of God's Grace

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

The Postlude

Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Psalm 146:1-2*

Sanctuary

SERMON SERIES

Today, we welcome Rev. Dr. Jonathan (Jonny) Gibson to the Trinity pulpit. Dr. Gibson is Associate Professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He holds a PhD in Hebrew Studies, from Girton College, Cambridge University. He is an ordained teaching elder in the International Presbyterian Church, UK, and previously served as associate minister at Cambridge Presbyterian Church in England. He was Lecturer in Biblical Theology in the Christian Heritage Apprenticeship Program in Cambridge from 2013–2015.



Dr. Gibson is a contributor to and co-editor (with David Gibson) of *From Heaven He Came and Sought Her: Definite Atonement in Historical, Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Perspective*. He is also the author of historical and biblical articles in *Themelios*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, and *Tyndale Bulletin*, as well as “Obadiah” in the *NIV Proclamation Bible*. He authored *Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship*, and several children’s books including *The Moon Is Always Round*, *The Acrostic of God*, and *The Acrostic of Jesus*.

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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